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Commencement set for May 14

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The 93rd Commencement Exercises are set for Friday, May 14 in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus.

Goodman, Grenada and Attala Center graduates (academic and career-technical) will take part in the 10 a.m. ceremony while Ridgeland and Yazoo Center graduates (academic and career-technical) will have a ceremony at 2 p.m.

Only those with graduation tickets will be permitted inside the coliseum for the ceremony. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ceremony and 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. ceremony. The ceremony will be live streamed at holmesccmedia.com/white-channel.

Graduates and guests will be re-

quired to wear a facial covering until they are seated in Frank Branch Coliseum. Graduates will not be required to wear their facial coverings while receiving their diploma cover.

Marching graduates and/or family members will have the opportunity to purchase photos of the event. An email will be sent to each marching graduate informing them how to purchase the photos. An email has been sent out to marching graduates informing them when and where to pick up their caps and gowns, stoles and graduation tickets and also other information regarding the graduation procedure.

For more information, contact Brenda Melton at bmelton@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9020.

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

From Staff Reports/Photos



Addie Fetcko



Jon Parker Jones



Peyton Killebrew



Hannah Olivia Lane



Kennedy Norwood



Deja Sloan

Holmes Community College students Addie Fetcko of Madison, Jon Parker Jones of Kosciusko, Peyton Killebrew of Sallis, Hannah Olivia Lane of Duck Hill, Kennedy Norwood of Grenada and Deja Sloan of Madison were all named to the 2021 Phi Theta Kappa honor society All-Mississippi Academic Team. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. Jones was named First Team, and the others were named to the Second Team.

Addie Fetcko

Fetcko is a President's List Scholar who serves as vice president of fundraising and campus activities for Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter in Ridgeland. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi University for Women and apply to the Speech and Language Pathology program. Fetcko also plans to pursue a master's degree and reach her goal of becoming a speech pathologist. She is employed by Gifts by KPEP and KPEP and worked for Kendall Poole

Event Planning her freshman year. In her spare time, Fetcko enjoys tutoring first and third graders and volunteering with Little Light House of Central Mississippi and Sunnybrook Children's Home.

Jon Parker Jones

Jones, a biomedical engineering major, is president of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in Goodman. As a freshman he served as vice president of college projects for the chapter. Other than Phi Theta Kappa, Jones is active on campus as a cheerleader, Holmes Plus member, Baptist Student Union (BSU) member, member of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Honors Program and as a chemistry lab assistant. He is a President's List Scholar and a Board of Trustees ACT Scholarship recipient, as well. He has done extensive amounts of community service and upon graduation from Holmes, plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to obtain a bachelor's in biomedical engineering. After MSU, Jones would like to go to medical school at The University of Mississippi Medical Center and eventually become a

pediatrician in his hometown.

Peyton Killebrew

Killebrew, a biological science major, is vice president of membership for the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in Goodman. Other than Phi Theta Kappa, Killebrew is active on campus as a Holmes Ambassador. Off campus, he is an active member of Sallis Baptist Church. His hobbies include playing sports, hunting and fishing. Killebrew also worked at Holmes County Bank in Lexington. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to transfer to Mississippi College and major in medical science. His goal is to pursue a career in the medical field.

Hannah Olivia Lane

Lane, a dietetics and nutrition major, is vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Mu Beta Chapter in Grenada. She's also a President's List scholar, President's ACT Scholarship recipient and 2020 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship recipient. Lane is active

on campus as an Ambassador, a Student Government Association officer, member of BSU and Sophomore Class Favorite. Lane's community involvement includes serving as a judge for the Grenada School District reading and science fairs, participating in a St. Jude toy drive, hosting a school supply drive for Winona Elementary school, packaging and distributing provisions to food pantries across Mississippi during the COVID-19 pandemic and leading a campus food pantry through Phi Theta Kappa. After Holmes, she plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's and master's degree in nutritional health science in hopes of becoming a registered dietitian.

Kennedy Norwood

Norwood, a kinesiology/exercise science major, is a President's List Scholar, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant recipient as well as 100 Black Man Scholarship recipient. On the Grenada Campus, he is active as a member of Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Mu Beta

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Y2K Emerging

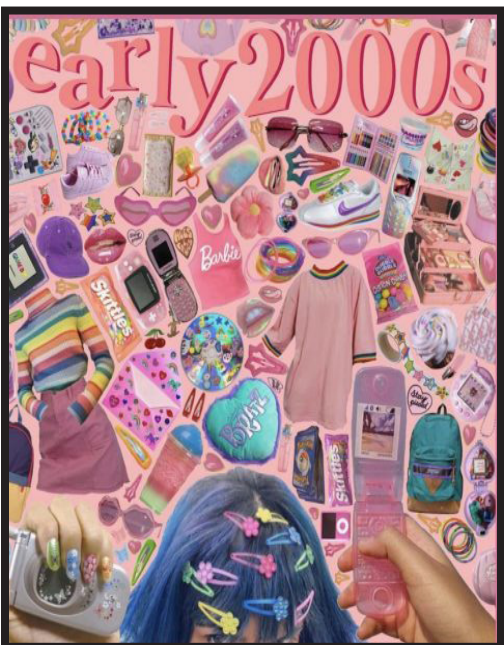
By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



Since early 2020, Y2K clothing trends have tried to make a big comeback. From Britney Spears to Paris Hilton who set the style during the early 2000s, this trend consists of miniskirts, baby crop tees and even velour tracksuits. Even though Y2K is coming back is still not going to be the same as when the fashion trends first dropped. Let us talk about the spin on the

Y2K fashion in 2021. Mini pleaded skirts have been around for a while, and we have seen the way people have styled them throughout the years. When you think of the style, we are going to see this year the style may differ in many ways. Miniskirts with a baby cropped top tee and a shoulder bag are going to be big this summer. There will be more color; pink, purple and even yellow are going to be in style this year. No more of the dark gothic colors that we have been seeing. Next, we have low-rise jeans and baggy jeans. Baggy jeans have been

in style for a while, as well. Although this trend has been around for a while it is going be a big change on how we style them. No more of the baggy on baggy, it is going to be baggy jeans with a cropped tee. I know I used cropped tees in most of my styling, but it wasn't as big of a deal then as it is now. I personally have been waiting for the low-rise jeans to make a comeback, and I am happy that they are coming back. In early 2000s, low-rise jeans were a big deal. Von Dutch and Juicy Couture are making a big come back as well. Be sure to hop on any of these trends, and style them as you please.



Investing in yourself

By Kaitlyn Anderson
Staff Reporter



Why is investing in yourself is important in a college student's life? School, of course, is one of the biggest priorities in a student's life, as is making sure to keep good grades while juggling their jobs

and also trying to maintain a social life all at once. In school we learn about investing whether it's investing in stocks homes and properties of any kind. Although those things are very important, the most important thing to invest in is you. In college, we sometimes may tend to take on more than we can handle which can cause stress and anxiety. We can sometimes can get caught up with so many things that we don't make time for ourselves. When I say invest it doesn't have to mean spend-

ing money, you can invest in yourself by staying in and resting; giving yourself a day off. One of the best ways a student can help themselves is by making time and planning. You can easily do that by getting a calendar or planner and planning your week out, making sure between homework and study time you give yourself a break. Also find a day, whether it's the weekend or week day, and make that day your "me"

day. A day where the only thing you need to worry about is investing in you. I would choose a day where you are also off work so you won't have to worry about school or work at least once a week. By investing in yourself you are giving your mind a chance to relax and your body a chance to rest. When it comes to investing into yourself, you are practicing self-care by letting yourself know that you care about your mental and physical health. So take time to invest in yourself because you come first.

Humanity and sensitivity

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



Have we as citizens lost our humanity and sensitivity? In recent news, a lot of our youth are losing their lives because of the bigotry and racism in this country. American is known as "Hope for

a better life," and "Freedom," to a lot of people inside and outside of the U.S. Is it really that way? 2020 was a crazy year and a lot of events happened in 2020 and are continuing in 2021. George Floyd was murdered on camera by one of our fine policemen. A lot of the citizens were outraged by this killing and demanded that the people involved be arrested. After the arresting of

the police officers involved in the George Floyd murder, we would think as people we need to change. 2021 has not really been any different than 2020. Every day on the news you see that our African, Hispanic and Asian American communities are being attacked. Not because of them committing crimes, but because of deep racism that has been here in America for years.



COVID Vaccination Update

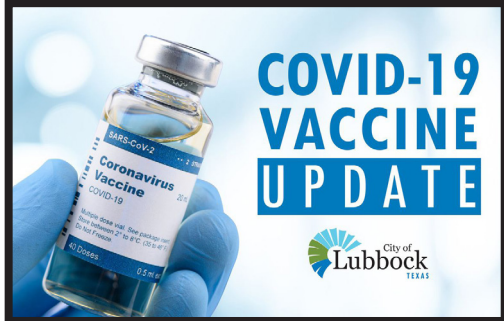
By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



COVID-19 vaccinations for Mississippians are available at no cost from drive-through sites around the state, and from some local healthcare providers.

Governor Tate Reeves announced 1.32 million vaccines have been distributed in Mississippi. As of Monday, 815,673 people have received at least one vaccine dose, and 541,241 more are fully vaccinated. Everyone over the age of 16 in the state is eligible to receive the vaccine. People can be vaccinated at state-run drive-thru sites, as well as at community

health centers, at some pharmacies and private healthcare providers. More than 160 Mississippians are currently hospitalized with COVID-19. and Fifty-two people are in the ICU. If you are looking for places to get the vaccination , you can find locations at the site: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,420,976.html



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Was Chadwick Boseman snubbed?

By Kaitlyn Anderson
Staff Reporter



Late August of 2020 the world lost a talented and wonderful actor, Chadwick Boseman. Since his death, Boseman has been honored in various ways. During this year’s Oscars ceremony, Boseman was nominated for Best Actorbest actor for his role as Levee Green in “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom.” When the world found out that the honorable late actor was nominated for an Oscar, it was already going around that the actor would win the award.

But when the time came to announce the winner, the world froze in shock when Boseman did not win. Instead, actor Anthony Hopkins won for his role in “The Father.” What was supposed to be a moment of happiness and joy quickly turned into chaos. Fans did not hesitate to hold back their thoughts on how The Oscars ended. It was said that The Oscars

had originally planned something special for Boseman, switching to end the ceremony with Best Actor, instead of the usual category that would usually be at the end, Best Picture. Fans knew that Boseman was nominated for Best Actor and it had already been said that there were plans in the making to honor the late actor at the end of the show.

Once the category came around, everyone watched in anticipation for the actor’s name to be called, but only to be disappointed. Hopkins is one of the most respected actors, but there were some who felt that Boseman was snubbed. They also felt that the huge build up surrounding Boseman and his nomination was wrong compared to how The Oscars ended.

What made matters worse was that Hopkins was not there to accept his award; he was at home at the time he won. But a few hours later, after winning for Best Actor, Hopkins recorded a video thanking fans and paying tribute to the late Boseman.

Here’s what the actor had to say: “At 83 years of age I did not expect to get this award. I really did not. Very grateful to the



Anthony Hopkins

Chadwick Boseman

Academy,” he said. He then gave Boseman a shout-out: “I want to pay tribute to Chadwick Boseman who was taken from us far too early. And again, thank you all very much. I really did not expect this. So, I feel very privileged and honored.” The attacks continued on the 83-year-old actor, until Boseman’s family came to his

defense. Derrick Boseman said his brother would have been the first person to congratulate Hopkins for his win and how he would have seen it as an achievement and not an “obsession.”

Quarantine Overkill

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



In the beginning of 2020, the entire world was hit with the virus known as COVID-19. It has been a year with this virus and a year of being in quarantine. We have been spending time with

our families, and not being able to really go outside to enjoy life. Social media has kept me informed on what people are up to during the quarantine. Post like “I don’t have any type of energy”, or “I am depressed and eating a lot,” is very common post that I see.

Spring is coming up and it is time for us to come out of this quarantine overkill. What I mean by coming out this quar-

antine overkill, is doing the things we normally do as people but with precaution. Get up and go outside to get some fresh air. Take a stroll in the park or go out with some friends. “Quarantine has made me a bit lazy, and by me really thinking about getting up, and being able to do regular things make me very happy,” said anonymous student.

Mississippi have lifted a lot of the

COVID-19 regulation. Places such as bars and sit-in restaurants have reopened, but social distancing and mask are still in place. We still must follow certain rules, so we do not have a peak with this virus. Even though there are rules and regulations that we must follow that should not stop the fun. So, go out get some sun and have a little fun with precautions.

Three men have been charged with the murder of Ahmaud Arbery

By Kaitlyn Anderson
Staff Reporter



In February 2020, in Brunswick Georgia, three men – Travis McMichael, 35; his father, Gregory McMichael, 65, and William “Roddie” Bryan, 51, killed a man by the name of Ahmad Arbery.

Gregory McMichael saw Arbery jogging in the neighborhood and said that he suspected Arbery was the man responsible for the break-ins in the neighborhood. Gregory McMichael then called his son and they both grabbed a magnum handgun and a shotgun.

Federal prosecutors said that Gregory and Travis McMichael jumped into a truck and began to pursue Arbery who was at the time jogging. The men began yelling at him as they chased him down

in the truck. Seeing the struggle, Bryan then joined in and all three men detained Arbery. Arbery was shot two times killing him. A video was put out showing the attack and murder of Arbery that was said to have been recorded by Bryan.

The three men were indicted Wednesday, May 5, for going after and making threats towards Arbery because of his race. Arbery was Black. The three men were all charged with attempted kidnapping. Both

father and son are facing firearm charges. Travis McMichael was charged with shooting Arbery. Adding on to the hate crime charges, all their men went against the law by attempting to detain Arbery trying to restrain him, taking away his freedom of movement. All three have also been charged from a separate state with aggravated assault, felony murder, malice murder, and criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Sweet Memories

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



On May 14 we will bid the 2021 graduates adio. Many are smiling and taking cap and gown pictures. Others, however, are crying thinking of all the sweet

friendships, relationships and memories they will leave behind.

I myself will miss all my classmates graduating this year and the unchanging bonds we have made. I pray they all go on to do great things in this life and have very prosperous futures.

“My wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to. Your dreams

stay big, your worries stay small, and that you never need to carry more than you can hold.”– Rascal Flatts

Good Luck My Fellow Bulldogs.



All-Mississippi (continued from Front Page)

Chapter and BSU. Norwood went with BSU to Beautiful Feet Ministry in Dallas Fort Worth, Texas, for six days during the 2020 spring semester. He helped serve the needy by serving food, providing clothing and teaching them about God. He also helped cut down their trees at the church. In addition, he participated in the Grenada Baptist District food and clothing drive in November of 2019. After Holmes, Norwood plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree

in kinesiology/exercise science. While at MSU, he plans to continue being active in BSU and earn more scholarships. His goal is to become a fitness coach and establish a career in exercise science.

Deja Sloan

Sloan is active on the Ridgeland Campus as a Phi Theta Kappa officer (student recruitment and activities for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter), a student worker

for the Career-Technical Office and as a Student Ambassador. She was also voted Student Body Homecoming Maid and Miss Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus. As a freshman, she was Student Government Association vice president, a President’s List Scholar, Horizons yearbook editor, recipient of the Journalism Award and Freshman Class Favorite. Upon graduating from Holmes, Sloan is moving to Orlando, Florida, to attend the University of Central Florida.

She plans to major in broadcast reporting with the goal of becoming an entertainment reporter. She has plans to grow her social media accounts (YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram) and create content part-time, as well.

For more information about Holmes’ Phi Theta Kappa chapters, visit https://www.holmescc.edu/student_life/clubs/ptk/index.aspx. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, visit <https://www.ptk.org/>.

Holmes Ridgeland Campus announces 2021 Who’s Who

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are **Deja Sloan** and **Colby Mozee**, Miss Holmes and Mr. Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus announced the 2021 Who’s Who recipients, which includes Mr. and Miss Holmes, Freshman Class Favorites and Sophomore Class Favorites. Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus are Colby Mozee of Brandon and Deja Sloan of Madison (formerly from Houston, Texas).

Mozee, son of Andrea and Cornelius Mozee, is a history major. He is a Student Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member and was inducted into the 2021 Hall of Fame. Off campus he is a volunteer fire fighter and youth leader at church. After graduation from Holmes, he plans to earn a bachelor’s degree at the University of Southern Mississippi then become a history teacher and high school football coach.

Sloan, daughter of Tekima S. Beamon, is a general studies major who is focusing on broadcast journalism. She is active



Bethany Biggers



Audrey Capton



Scoletta Cox



Taylor Ervin



Chloe Fitzhugh



Brooklyn Gaddis



Nakilah Harvey



Breanna McBrain

on campus as an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa officer and Career-Technical Education Office Assistant. She was also named Homecoming Student Body Maid for Ridgeland and inducted into the Hall of Fame. Upon graduating from Holmes, Sloan is moving to Orlando, Florida, to attend the University of Central Florida. She plans to be a broadcast journalism

major and is working toward the goal of becoming an entertainment reporter. While working part-time, she also has plans to grow her social media accounts (YouTube, TikTok, Instagram) and create content. She is currently a content creator on YouTube (Armoni Sloan) and TikTok (@armonisloan_).

As for Class Favorites, Sophomore

Class Favorites include: Audrey Capton of Brandon, Scoletta Cox of Vicksburg and Taylor Ervin of McComb. Freshman Class Favorites for the 2020-21 school year are: Bethany Biggers of Canton, Chloe Fitzhugh of Flowood, Brooklyn Gaddis of Brandon, Nakilah Harvey of Jackson and Breanna McBrain of Madison.

Holmes honorees 2020 and 2021 retirees

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Pictured are the some of the Holmes retirees who were able to make it to the reception honoring them. They are (standing, left to right) **Bertha White**, **Dorothy Garrett**, **Frances Nix**, **Wanda Casey**, **Maria Edwards**, **Gee-Wei Lee** and (seated) **Brian Wooten**.

Holmes Community College honored retirees from both 2020 and 2021 on Friday, April 23 on the Goodman Campus. Honorees included: Susan Garraway Anderson, Kay Bates, Lynn Boykin, Judy Burrell, Wanda Casey, Kenny Dupont, Maria Edwards,

Dorothy Garrett, Jeff Koonz, Patti Koonz, Gee-Wei Lee, Mike Misita, David Malone, Katrina B. Myricks, Kathy Nipper, Frances Nix, Barbara Puryear, Carla Ross, Kim Sandifer, Cheryl Smith, Bertha White and Brian Wooten.

Anderson is retiring after seven years as an Associate Degree Nursing instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, Bates retired in 2020 after four years of serving as director of admissions in Goodman and Boykin is retiring after 17 years as an engineering technology instructor in Ridgeland. Burrell retires after 13 years; 10 working in HR in Goodman and three working at the Attala Center. Casey is retiring after 15 years as a financial aid advisor in Goodman, Dupont retired in 2020 after 20 years of coaching baseball and Edwards is retiring after 34 loyal years as a foreign language instructor, teaching on every campus at some point.

Garrett retires from Holmes after 14 years of service in housekeeping in Goodman. Coach Jeff Koonz and his wife, Patti, both retired in 2020 after 15 years of service; Coach Koonz was the head football coach and Patti was administrative assistant for the vice president of Career-Technical Education.

Lee retired from Holmes after 17 years as a mathematics instructor on

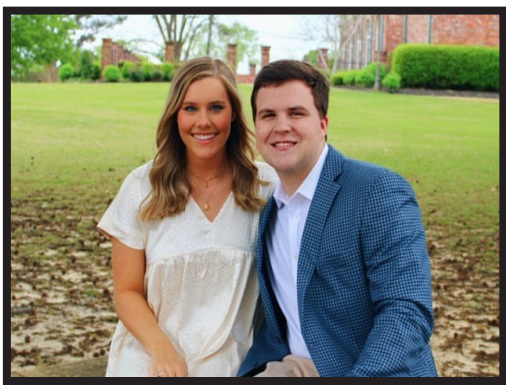
the Ridgeland Campus and Misita retired after 13 years of service on the Goodman Campus; first as offensive line tight ends coach and then as Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department Chair/instructor. Malone retired after 20 years as a maintenance engineer in Goodman, Myricks retired after 28 years as a business and office technology instructor in Ridgeland and Nipper retired after 14 years as a biology instructor in Grenada.

Nix, also a Grenada Campus instructor, is retiring after nine years of teaching sociology. Puryear retired in 2020 after 13 years as an Associate Degree Nursing instructor in Ridgeland, Ross retired after 15 years as a librarian in Grenada and Sandifer retired in 2020 after nine years as an Associate Degree Nursing instructor.

Finally, Smith retired after 12 years working in housekeeping in Ridgeland, White retired after 17 years working in maintenance in Goodman and Wooten retired after 15 years as a Goodman Campus police officer.

Holmes Goodman Campus announces 2021 Who's Who

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Pictured are **Laken Milner** and **Lucas Price**, Miss Holmes and Mr. Holmes for the Goodman Campus.

The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus announced the 2021 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 Lucas Price and Laken Milner, both of Kosciusko.

Price, son of Amy and Jay Price, is an accounting major with a minor in music. He is a member of Holmes Connection, Coachmen singers and Baptist Student Union. Price also serves as a vice president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Off campus, he is a member of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, where he serves as a worship leader and a group leader for Kids' NOW. He also volunteers for Shepherd's Touch Medical Clinic and works at The Aisle wedding venue.

In his spare time, Price enjoys playing the keyboard, singing, sports, attending church and spending time with family and friends. Upon graduation from Holmes he plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in music.

Milner, daughter of Rhonda and Darren Milner, is a biomedical engineering major. She is active on campus as a Student Ambassador, a work-study in the Student Housing Office and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa honors society. Milner is also an active member of First Baptist



Delancy Anderson



Pearce Edwards



Camilla Goodloe



Wesley Harris



Jada Ivy



Kaitlin Myricks



Emory Peacock



Bradley Robinson



Lakesia Smith



Aikema Spencer



Samuel Pacey Thompson



Mikayla Williams

Church of Kosciusko and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). In her free time she enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending sporting events, working out and reading her Bible. She also enjoys playing piano, painting, hunting and other outdoor activities.

After graduating from Holmes, Milner will attend Mississippi State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in biomedical

engineering. Following graduation from MSU, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center to earn a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy. She plans to specialize in pediatrics, and hopefully one day become a pediatric occupational therapist.

As for Class Favorites, Sophomore Class Favorites include: Delancy Anderson of Yazoo City, Camilla Goodloe of

Canton, Wesley Harris of Benton, Kaitlin Myricks of Madison, Emory Peacock of French Camp, Bradley Robinson of Lexington, Lakesia Smith of Goodman, Aikema Spencer of Grenada and Mikayla Williams of Yazoo City. Freshman Class Favorites for the 2020-21 school year are: Pearce Edwards of Lexington, Jada Ivy of Brandon and Samuel Pacey Thompson of Carrollton.

Holmes Grenada Campus announces 2021 Who's Who

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Pictured are **Ashlee Hankins** and **Tanner Vance**, Miss Holmes and Mr. Holmes for the Grenada Campus.

The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus announced the 2021 Who's Who recipients, which includes Mr. and Miss Holmes, Freshman Class Favorites and Sophomore Class Favorites. Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus are Tanner Vance of Grenada and Ashlee Hankins of Duck Hill.

Vance, son of April and Benji Vance, is a business administration major. He is an Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) representative and member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Off campus, he assists with communion, collecting tithes and moving equipment for his church. He also owns an organic goat milk soap business. Upon graduation from Holmes Vance will transfer to the University of Mississippi to pursue a bachelor's degree. He plans to expand his soap business and to be part of a political administration.

Hankins, daughter of Sheila Love and Howard Hankins, is an elementary education major. She is an Ambassador, SGA representative, Baptist Student Union (BSU) member and a work-study student for the campus police. Hankins is employed as a shift leader at Zaxby's and when she's not working, enjoys cooking,



McKenzie Cummings



Caitlin Hamrighausen



Nick Johnson



Hannah Olivia Lane



Christy Mills



Madison Mallett



Ashlyn Nix



Alexis Rodgers



Isabelle Sanders



Prashauda West



Terra West

spending time with family and friends and watching Netflix. She is also an active member of Binford Chapel United Methodist Church in Duck Hill. After Holmes, she plans to attend The University of Mississippi where she will pursue a bachelor's and master's degree in elementary

education.

As for Class Favorites, Sophomore Class Favorites include: Caitlin Hamrighausen of Winona, Hannah Olivia Lane of Duck Hill, Madison Mallett of Grenada, Ashlyn Nix of Big Creek, Alexis Skye Rodgers of Winona, Isabelle Sanders of

Carrollton, Prashauda West of Grenada and Terra West of Grenada. Freshman Class Favorites for the 2020-21 school year are: Nick Johnson of Duck Hill, Christy Mills of Winona and Mckenzie Cummings of Grenada.

Ridgeland Campus inducts 10 into Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Ridgeland Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(front row, left to right)* **Emily Anne Carr**, **Deja Sloan**, **Addie Fetcko**, **Laney Smith**, **Carly E. Williams**, *(back row, left to right)* **Colby A. Mozee**, **Briana Reaser**, **Mary Grace Kelley**, **Ravynne Wilson** and **Darrell Cameron Grantham**.

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: Emily Anne Carr of Madison, Addie Fetcko of Madison, Darrell Cameron Grantham of Pearl, Mary Grace Kelley of Madison, Colby A. Mozee of Brandon, Briana Reaser of Byram, Deja A. Sloan of Madison, Laney Smith of Vicksburg, Carly E. Williams of Flowood and Ravynne Wilson of Meridian.

Emily Anne Carr

Carr is a pre-nursing major who plans to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing after Holmes. On campus, she is a President’s List Scholar, member of Phi Theta Kappa, writing tutor in the Holmes writing lab and has completed Student Leadership University 101. Off campus, she is employed as a gymnastics instructor at Courthouse Gymnastics, on Student Leadership Team at Colonial Heights Baptist Church and serves as a small group leader for 8th grade girls/discipleship mentor for 7th grade girls at Colonial Heights.

Carr also enjoys volunteering for and Hearts of Compassion Orphan Care Ministry and Blair E. Batson Children’s Hospital, although she has been unable to volunteer at Batson this year due to COVID-19. A heart for service, she has participated in mission trips

to Santa Marta, Colombia and to Las Vegas, Nevada, as well.

Addie Fetcko

Fetcko is a President’s List Scholar who serves as vice president of fund-raising and campus activities for Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi University for Women and apply to the Speech and Language Pathology program. Fetcko also plans to pursue a master’s degree and reach her goal of becoming a speech pathologist.

She is employed by Gifts by KPEP and KPEP and worked for Kendall Poole Event Planning her freshman year. In her spare time, Fetcko enjoys tutoring first and third graders and volunteering with Little Light House of Central Mississippi and Sunnybrook Children’s Home.

Darrell Cameron Grantham

Grantham is a President’s List Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa member and president of the Bulldog Soccer Team. As a freshman, he was a starter for the soccer team and voted Most Valuable Midfielder.

After graduating from Holmes, Grantham plans to attend University of Alabama at Birmingham and earn a degree in forensic science and criminal justice. He hopes to make the UAB Men’s Soccer Team, as well, and join the Air Force ROTC to continue

his ROTC work from Brandon High School. After completing his degree from UAB, Grantham plans to join the U.S. Air Force and pursue work in the intelligence field.

Mary Grace Kelley

Kelley is active on campus as a Student Ambassador, President’s List Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa member and Horizons yearbook staff member. Upon graduating from Holmes, she plans to transfer to the University of Mobile on an academic scholarship where she will pursue a degree in nursing. After graduating from nursing school, her dream is to become a travel nurse and eventually become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Colby A. Mozee

Mozee, a history major, is Student Government Association vice president, a Student Ambassador and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. A President’s List Scholar, he was also named a Freshman Favorite and is the current Mr. Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus.

Mozee plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and pursue a bachelor’s degree in history. He would like to become a history teacher for high school students and serve as a coach for the football team as well.

Briana Reaser

Reaser, a pre-med major, is a member of Phi Theta kappa, a President’s List Scholar and plays forward for the Lady Bulldog’s Soccer Team. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi and study biology on a pre-medical track. Her intentions are to attend medical school and serve in the Jackson area

Deja A. Sloan

Sloan is active on campus as a Phi Theta Kappa officer (student recruitment and activities), a student worker for the Career Technical Office and as a Student Ambassador. She was also voted Student Body Homecoming Maid and Miss Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus. As a freshman, she was Student Government Association vice president,

a President’s List Scholar, Horizons yearbook editor, recipient of the Journalism Award and Freshman Class Favorite.

Upon graduating from Holmes, Sloan is moving to Orlando, Florida, to attend the University of Central Florida. She plans to major in broadcast reporting with the goal of becoming an entertainment reporter. She has plans to grow her social media accounts (YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram) and create content part-time, as well.

Laney Smith

Smith is a President’s List Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa member and captain of the Lady Bulldog’s Soccer Team. As a freshman, she was named Most Improved Player for soccer and began attending Bovina Baptist Church. Off campus she is employed at College Corner and volunteers with BFC Tots and Skills, teaching young children soccer skills.

Carly E. Williams

Williams is an exercise science/kinesiology major, President’s List Scholar and Phi Theta Kappa member. In 2019, she completed Holmes’ EMS program. She is also a member of the Lady Bulldogs Soccer Team and was named All State Women’s Soccer, NJCAA Goalkeeper of the Week and MACJC Goalkeeper of the Week three times. She also served as a Sunday school teacher and summer camp counselor at Pine Cove in Texas. Williams enjoys playing on the church league kickball team and volunteering with Crossgates Baptist Student Ministry.

Upon graduating from Holmes, she will transfer to The University of South Alabama where she will play soccer and pursue a bachelor’s degree. Her goals is to become a prosthetist.

Ravynne Wilson

Wilson, a pre-physical therapy major, is a President’s List Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa member and a member of the Lady Bulldogs Soccer Team. After Holmes she plans to further her education in physical therapy and play college soccer at a four-year university.

Grenada Campus inducts four into Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Grenada Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(left to right)* **Kennedy Norwood**, **Ashlee Hankins**, **Hannah Olivia Lane** and **McKenzie Cummings**.

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: McKenzie Cummings of Grenada, Ashlee Hankins of Duck Hill, Hannah Olivia Lane of Duck Hill and Kennedy Norwood of Grenada.

McKenzie Cummings

Cummings, a psychology/speech pathology major, is a President’s List Scholar and member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Off campus, she is an active member of First Baptist Church Grenada where she serves in several capacities. Cummings teaches three-year-old preschoolers in Awana, volunteers in the nursery and teaches Vacation Bible School (VBS) every summer. She also enjoys singing in

the church music ministry.

Cummings’ community outreach also extends to being a volunteer coach for a first-third grade girls’ Upward Basketball team. She teaches the girls basic basketball skills and, most importantly in this role, about God. In February of last year, she had the opportunity to lead a group of 10th and 11th grade girls in a Disciple Now weekend at Winona Baptist Church. In her free time, Cummings works at Sav-Mor Pharmacy and Gifts. Additionally, two days a week, she picks up a first grader after school, takes care of her needs and tutors her in all subjects. She babysits for other families in her community, as well.

Upon graduation from Holmes, Cummings is transferring to the University of Mississippi where she plans to earn a

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degree in speech pathology followed by a master's degree. Her goal is to be able to work with children and/or stroke patients.

"I was honored to be nominated for Hall of Fame and being selected meant so much to me," Cummings said. "I have loved my experience at Holmes Grenada and feel that it has prepared me for the next step in continuing my education."

Ashlee Hankins

Hankins, an elementary education major, is a Dean's List Scholar, Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) representative, Baptist Student Union (BSU) member and a work-study student for Campus Police. She is also Miss Holmes Community College for the Grenada Campus and was voted Class Favorite as a freshman. Hankins has served her community by serving as a judge for science and reading fairs at local schools, tutoring children in math and assisting the senior citizens in her hometown of Duck

Hill with daily activities such as picking up groceries and medications.

Outside of Holmes, Hankins works part-time at Zaxby's as a shift leader, which is a manager-in-training position. She works at least 30 hours a week on top of her 17-hour school week. After graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend The University of Mississippi (Grenada Campus) to earn a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She then plans to pursue a master's in elementary education.

"I know that all my hard work at Holmes will pay off in the long run and I am blessed and honored to be in the nominated for Hall of Fame," Hankins said.

Hannah Olivia Lane

Lane, who is studying dietetics and nutrition, is a President's List scholar, President's ACT Scholarship recipient and 2020 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship recipient. She is also active on campus as an Ambassador, vice president

of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, an SGA officer, member of BSU and Sophomore Class Favorite. Additionally, she served as a work-study for the Financial Aid/Business Office her freshman year.

Lane's community involvement includes serving as a judge for the Grenada School District reading and science fairs, participating in a campus toy drive for St. Jude, hosting a school supply drive for Winona Elementary school, packaging and distributing provisions to food pantries across Mississippi during the COVID-19 pandemic and leading a campus food pantry through Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's and master's degree in nutritional health science in hopes of becoming a registered dietician nutritionist.

Kennedy Norwood

Norwood, a kinesiology/exercise science major, is a President's List Scholar,

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant recipient as well as 100 Black Man Scholarship recipient. On campus, he is active as a member of Phi Theta Kappa and BSU. Norwood went with BSU to Beautiful Feet Ministry in Dallas Fort Worth, Texas, for six days during the 2020 spring semester. He helped serve the needy by serving food, providing clothing and teaching them about God. He also helped cut down their trees at the church. In addition, he participated in the Grenada Baptist District food and clothing drive in November of 2019.

After Holmes, Norwood plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in kinesiology/exercise science. While at MSU, he plans to continue being active in BSU and earn more scholarships. His goal is to become a fitness coach and establish a career in exercise science.

Goodman Campus recognizes Hall of Fame 2021

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Goodman Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(left to right)* **Delancy Anderson, Noah Burton, Jenson Williams** and **Jon Parker Jones**.

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 Goodman Campus included: Delancy Anderson of Yazoo City, Noah Burton of Goodman, Jon Parker Jones of Kosciusko and Jenson Williams of Benton.

Delancy Anderson

Anderson is a pre-veterinary medicine major who has been on the President's List every semester. She is also a Dean's ACT Scholarship recipient, Cheerleading Scholarship recipient, Freshman Cheer Award recipient and winner of the Scholar Athlete Award for 2019-2020. Anderson was voted a Class Favorite as both a freshman and a sophomore. She is active on campus as a cheerleader, Phi Theta Kappa member, MOSAIC member and Baptist Student Union member. Anderson is also part of Ebenezer Baptist Church Connect. Her community involvement/service includes: Deep South Cheer

Competition staff, MOSAIC Student Support Services tutor, math and chemistry tutor/work-study, Holmes Cheer Stunt Clinic staff, Special Olympics staff, Major Experience volunteer, Freshman Friday volunteer and volunteering for the Goodman Tobacco Free Coalition - College Chapter.

Her plans upon graduation from Holmes are to transfer to Mississippi State University to complete her undergraduate studies in pre-veterinary medicine. Anderson plans to apply to MSU's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program with the hopes of being selected as 1 of the 31 students accepted. To ensure she has chosen the right field for her, Anderson has shadowed her local veterinarians in Yazoo City and Flora.

Noah Burton

Burton, a kinesiology major, is a President's List Scholar and member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is also active on campus as a Holmes Ambassador and member of Coachmen and the Chorale. Off campus, Burton helps

with various outreach programs provided through his church, Main Street Baptist, such as leading the outdoor recreational activities during Vacation Bible School (VBS) and taking fruit baskets to the elderly during the Christmas holidays.

Following graduation from Holmes, Burton will attend Mississippi State University to earn an undergraduate degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in neuromechanics. After finishing at Mississippi State, his plans are to further his career by seeking a doctor of physical therapy degree.

Jon Parker Jones

Jones, a biomedical engineering major, is a Holmes cheerleader who was named Most Coachable Athlete, Freshman Class Favorite and a Holmes Scholar Athlete. He is also a Board of Trustees ACT Scholarship recipient and made the President's List every semester at Holmes. Jones is president of Phi Theta Kappa and served as vice president of college projects for PTK his freshman year. He was also a Holmes Ambassador his freshman year, and is a member of Holmes Plus, Baptist Student Union and the Social and Behavioral Sciences Honors Program. Jones also serves as a chemistry lab assistant.

His community involvement includes: Special Olympics in Grenada volunteer, Holmes Cheerleader Stunt Clinic staff, Deep South Spirit Competition volunteer, Freshman Friday volunteer, Major Experience volunteer, MC² tutor, Shepard's Touch volunteer, Vacation Bible School group leader, Kids Now group leader, Discipleship Now volunteer, Holmes Cleanup Day volunteer, Beautiful Feet Homeless Ministry volunteer, Love Mission's volunteer and Helping Hands volunteer. He has also shadowed a local doctor in his hometown to gain experience.

Upon graduation from Holmes,

Jones plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's in biomedical engineering. He has been accepted into the Bagley College of Engineering and he also plans to apply to be a Roadrunner as well as tryout for the cheerleading team. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, Jones would like to go to medical school at The University of Mississippi Medical Center. He would like to go into pediatrics and eventually live and work in his hometown as a pediatrician.

Jenson Williams

Williams is an elementary education major specializing in history and science. Her honors include: 2020 English Composition Award, first place in 2020 Holmes Writing Competition, 2020 Most Valuable Crowd Leader for Cheer, President's List freshman year and recognition as a Scholar Athlete. In addition to being a Holmes cheerleader, Williams is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Student Support Services and the Honors Social and Behavioral Science Class.

Her community involvement includes: representing Holmes as a cheer tryout judge/recruiter/clinic instructor in surrounding areas, representing Holmes Cheerleading as a performer and information table volunteer at Major Experience, volunteering at the Special Olympics in Grenada, working at several Deep South cheer competitions, representing Holmes at Cruisin' for a Cure and participating in stunt clinics and open gyms. After graduating Holmes, Williams plans to attend Delta State University to earn a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She would also like to earn a master's in special education and become a teacher who students look back and thank for the time and effort put into her career.

Goodman Campus holds Creative Writing Contest; four students place in statewide competition

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Pictured are the 2021 Holmes Goodman Campus Creative Writing Contest winners. They are (front, left to right) **Tniniyah Jones** of Kosciusko, **Camillia Goodloe** of Canton, **Dara Neagle** of Goodman, **Isabella Branch** of Kosciusko, (back, left to right) **Justin Porter** of Yazoo City, **Miranda Ahner** of Goodman, **Samantha Endsley** of Flowood and **Brayden Cargile** of Madison. Jones, Goodloe, Branch and Porter also placed in the statewide competition.

English instructor William C. Moor-
er announced the winners of the 2021
Creative Writing Contest for the

Holmes Community College Goodman
Campus. were published with the other
campuses' winners in "Reflections,"

the Holmes creative writing journal.
Winners of the Poetry Category
included Tniniyah "TJ" Jones of Sallis,
first place for "Sestina on Broken
Glass;" Isabella Branch of Sallis,
second place for "Night Drives;" Justin
Porter of Benton, third for "A Day in
the Delta" and Honorable Mentions
to Dara Neagle of Goodman for "Hair
Shines Like Glass" and Samantha End-
sley of Brandon for "Star Struck."
In the Short Story Category, Porter
took home first for "What I Saw in
Those Eyes," Branch placed second for
"Reflection" and Neagle placed third
for "Memories."
For the Literary Essay Division,
Branch won first for "The Unintention-
al Harm: A Psychoanalytical Critique
of 'The Yellow Wallpaper,'" Camillia
Goodloe of Canton placed second for
"Bound: A Psychoanalytic Look at the
Past, Present, and Future" and Brayden
Cargile of Madison came in third for
"A Feministic Magnification of 'The
Yellow Wallpaper.'" Finally, in the Personal Essay (Cre-
ative Non-Fiction) Category, Miranda

Ahner of Goodman won first place for
"Labor Day Weekend."
The competition was open to all
students on the Goodman Campus of
Holmes, regardless of their major, and
entries were judged by the English
faculty members.
Four of the students also placed in
the statewide Mississippi Community
College Creative Writing Association
writing contest. The winners included
Isabella Branch, Camillia Goodloe,
Justin Porter and Tniniyah Jones.
Branch took home first place in the
Literary Essay Category for "The Un-
intentional Harm: A Psychoanalytical
Critique of 'The Yellow Wallpaper,'" and
Goodloe took home second for
"Bound: A Psychoanalytical Look at
the Past, Present and Future."
Porter placed first in Short Fiction
for "What I Saw in Those Eyes," and
Jones took home second in Poetry for
"Sestina on Broken Glass."
For more information on the Cre-
ative Writing Contest, contact Moor-
er at wmoorer@holmescc.edu.

Ridgeland Campus announces Literary Contest winners

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Ridgeland Campus Literary Contest Winners. They are (left to
right) **Emily Sanders**, **Elisabeth Bailey**, **Piper Patterson** and **Ashtin Crawford**. Not
pictured: Kaija Hayne and Rigoberto Leon.

English instructor Dr. Andrew Kelly re-
cently announced the winners of the 2021
Literary Contest for the Holmes Commu-
nity College Ridgeland Campus.
Winners of the Literary Essay Category
included first place Kaija Hayne of Mad-
ison for "A Stuttering Flow" and second
place Rigoberto Leon of Canton for "June
Jordan's World in 1960."
In the Poetry Category, Ashtin Craw-
ford of Jackson won first for "Brown Girl"
and "First Kiss," and Piper Patterson of
Madison took second place for "Makeup."
Finally, Elisabeth Bailey of Madison
took home first in Short Story for "The
Journals of Lydia Kath" and Emily Sand-
ers of Clinton won first in Personal Essay
for "A Completely Different Woman."

The competition was open to all stu-
dents on the Ridgeland Campus of
Holmes, regardless of their major, and
entries were judged by the English faculty
members. First and second place winners
in each category will appear in Reflec-
tions, the campus literary magazine, and
are sent to the statewide contest. State-lev-
el winners receive monetary prizes and
publication in the literary magazine of the
Mississippi Community College Creative
Writing Association.
For more information on the Literary
Contest, contact English instructor Dr.
Andrew Kelly at akelly@holmescc.edu or
(601) 605-3382.

Grenada Campus holds Creative Writing Contest

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Each year, the Holmes Communi-
ty 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 Cre-
ative Writing Association contest and
will be published in Holmes' Creative
Writing Journal, "Reflections."
Winners of the Poetry Category
were: first place, Princess Allen of
Gore Springs for "In Your Eyes" and
"On the Bottom," and second place,

(left) Pictured are the Grenada Campus
Creative Writing Contest winners. They
are (left to right) **Nick Johnson** of Duck
Hill and **Princess Allen** of Gore Springs.

Nick Johnson of Duck Hill for "One
Call Away" and "The Bond." Allen
also took home first in Creative Non-
fiction for "God, Why ME?"
The competition was open to all
students on the Grenada Campus of
Holmes, regardless of their major, and
entries were judged by the English
faculty members.
For more information, contact En-
glish instructor Amy Land at aland@
holmescc.edu.

McMorrough Library presents a historical poetry reading: “The Humanizing Force of Black Poetry in the Antebellum South”

From Staff Reports/Photos



Head Librarian **Jim Thompson** (*far right*) leads the poetry reading event in McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus.

McMorrough Library and Archives held its second event in a series of humanities programs scheduled to take place over a period of five years. The library hosted a historical poetry reading entitled “The Humanizing Force of Black Poetry in the Antebellum South” will feature poetry published in black-owned newspapers during the antebellum era of the Civil War.

The event was held on April 15 in the newly-renovated McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus.

The series was made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant awarded

in 2020, which the HCC Development Foundation sought in order to procure funding for the renovation of the library’s 1975 structure.

The grant has not only provided funding for the renovation of the building, but also is facilitating the continuation of McMorrough Library and Archives’ long-standing goal of supporting the humanities and providing informative, quality programming in a modernized and inclusive environment for the benefit of both students and the surrounding community.

For more information, contact Librarian Sarah Clay at (662) 472-9010 or email her at scelay@holmescc.edu.

Johnson earns Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction

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NaTunya Johnson

NaTunya Johnson, Holmes Community College’s District Department Chair for

the Business Technology program, recently earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Her dissertation was titled, “Continuous Enrollment Experiences of Nontraditional Career and Technical Education Students at the Community College.” The research focused on understanding the collegiate experiences to decrease CTE students’ chances of dropping out of college and contribute to the retention scholarship in higher education.

A native of Jackson, Dr. Johnson obtained a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from Mississippi State University in 1996 and a MBA from Delta State University in 2009. She first joined the Holmes family as a full-time instructor for Business Technology in 2010. Shortly after, she obtained her Education Specialist in Curriculum and

Instruction from Liberty in 2013.

Prior to working at Holmes, Dr. Johnson was a corporate trainer for 12 years at the State of Mississippi Employees’ Health Plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. Respectively, Dr. Johnson became a Certified Professional Trainer in Workplace Learning and Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi, which endorsed her with core competencies in adult learning, organizational dynamics, team-building and change management.

Dr. Johnson has received several professional awards and honors: 2017 Mississippi Business Journal’s (MBJ) Top 10 Leading Business Women in Mississippi, 2016 Lamplighter for Holmes Community College, 2016 Mississippi Business Journal’s (MBJ) 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi, 2016 Community College Business Educator of the Year, and 2014

Rookie Educator of the Year.

Professionally, Dr. Johnson is a member of the Mississippi Business Educators Association, American Academy of Professional Coders, and the American Health Information Management Association. She actively volunteers in her community through her affiliations with the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Links, Inc. and Anderson United Methodist Church.

Dr. Johnson resides in Ridgeland with her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Nadya.

To learn more about the Holmes Business Technology program, contact Dr. Johnson at njohnson@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3330.

Ridgeland Campus holds 2021 Honors Day

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Ridgeland Campus Awards & Honors Program recipients. They are (*front row, left to right*) **Genesis Smith, Lasandra Montgomery, Addie Fetcko, Deja Sloan, Anna Booth, Grace High, Junnah Faye Mondejar, Bethany Biggers, Elisabeth Bailey,** (*middle row, left to right*) **Eric Benton, Matthew Burnham, Gabriel K. Rainey, Mary Grace Kelley, Lauren Anderson, Michelle Weathersby, Howard Evans, Reagan Savell, Emily Carr,** (*back row, left to right*) **Jessica Pickett, Fallon Stephens, Gage Jones, Jackson Kiser, George Kotev, Jalen James, Cameron Ming and Laura Swalm.** *Not pictured:* Amy Dixon, Piper Patterson, Emily Sanders, Aurora Sant’Angelo, Tyler Watts, Macey Claire Wilson and Ravyne Wilson.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus recognized its students’ achievements and honors during the 2021 Honors Day Program held April 20 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. Representatives from each academic and career-technical program presented awards to students who have shown excellence in their given major, program or extracurricular

activity. Other special awards were given, as well, in various categories.

The evening began with a welcome from Ridgeland Campus Career and Technical Coordinator Allison DeWeese and an invocation from Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham. Award presentations began with recognizing the 2021 Ridgeland

Campus Hall of Fame inductees. Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive and recipients were voted on by faculty and staff based on academic achievement, campus involvement and community service. The inductees included: Emily Carr, Addie Fetcko, Darrell Grantham, Mary Grace Kelley, Colby Mozee, Briana Reaser, Deja Sloan, Laney Smith, Carly Williams and Ravyne Wilson.

The Biological Science Award went to Matthew Burnham; the Physical Science Award went to Jackson Kiser and the Engineering Award to Eric Benton. The Business Administration Award went to Macey Claire Wilson; the Criminal Justice Award to Jalen James; the Educational Programs Award to Lauren Anderson and the English Composition Award to Bethany Biggers. Fallon Stephens received the Fine Arts Award; Ravyne Wilson the Health, Physical Education & Recreation Award; Aurora Sant’Angelo, the Journalism Award; Grace High, the Literature Award and Anna Booth, the Spanish Award.

George Kotev was the History & Political Science Award recipient; Michelle Weathersby, the Mathematics Award recipient; Reagan Savell, Computer Science Award; Junnah Faye Mondejar, Public Speaking Award and Genesis Smith, the Social & Behavioral Science Award.

In the career-technology and workforce programs, Gabriel K. Rainey was the Information Systems Technology Award recipient; Jessica Pickett received the Occupational Therapy Assistant Awards; Laura Swalm, Business Technology; Ashley Boyles, Surgical Technology; Howard Evans, Emergency Medical Sciences and Michael Gonzalez, Engineering Technology. In addition, Gage Jones received the Industrial Maintenance Mechanics Award; Meritxell Viveros, Paralegal Technology; Tyler Watts, Welding & Cutting Technology and Cameron Ming, Associate Degree Nursing.

Dr. Andrew Kelly took the stage to recognize the 2021 Ridgeland Campus Literary Contest winners. The winners were: Kaija Hayne, first place in the Literary Essay Category for “A Stuttering Flow;” Rigoberto Leon, second place for “June Jordan’s World in 1960;” Ashtin Crawford, first place in Poetry for “Brown Girl” and “First Kiss;” Piper Patterson, second place for “Makeup;” Elisabeth Bailey, first in Short Story for “The Journals of Lydia Kath” and Emily Sanders, first in Personal Essay for “A Completely Different Woman.”

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks by Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence.

Goodman Campus holds 2021 honors program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Holmes Goodman Campus Honors Day recipients. They are (*front row, left to right*) **Jenson Williams, Cameron Wells, Isaac Moore, Peyton Killebrew, Maci Harris, Jasmine Rogers, Delancy Anderson, Kanasha Moore, Lakesia Smith, Adam Harlos, Noah Burrell, Octavia Smith, Patricia Orduna, Kelli Sanders,** (*back row, left to right*) **Asa Williams, Camillia Goodloe, Emily Ford, Justin Nunn, Parker Jones, Geannie Burton, Khiayah Perryman, Addison Ray, Kameron Blakely, Milton Mayfield and Wesley Harris.**

The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus recognized its student's achievements and honors during the 2021 Awards and Honors Program on the Goodman Campus on April 13 in McDaniel Auditorium.

Representatives from each academic and career-technical program presented awards to students who have shown excellence in their given major, program or extracurricular activity. Other special awards were giving, as well in various categories.

Awards presentation started off by Vice President of the Goodman Campus Andy Wood recognizing the 2021 Hall of Fame recipients. Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive and recipients were voted on by faculty and staff based on academic achievement, campus involvement and community service. The 2021 Hall of

Fame recipients were Delancy Anderson, Jon Parker Jones, Noah Burton and Jenson Williams.

The Holmes Plus Awards went to Jon Parker Jones, Isaac Moore, Payton Rehm, Tracie Scroggins and Randa Williams.

The Phi Theta Kappa All-MS Academic Team was awarded to Jon Parker Jones and Petyon Killebrew. Jones was also recognized as the recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa –Order of the Gold Key.

Then the presentation of awards was done by the Goodman faculty, staff and administration from their respective categories. The Wesley David Rule Mathematics Award was awarded to Ivan Ballesteros Garcia of Kosciusko, the Music Major Award was awarded to Thomas Barnes of Richland, Collision Repair Technology Award

to Kameron Blakely of Kosciusko, the Percussion Groups Award was awarded to Noah Burrell of Sallis and the Deans and Directors Award was awarded to Geannie Burton of Weir and Adam Harloas of Kosciusko.

The Social and Behavioral Science Award was awarded to Emily Ford of Kosciusko, the Practical Nursing Award was awarded to Morgan Garrett of Kilmichael, the Literature Award was awarded to Camillia Goodloe of Canton and the Bill Watkins Visual Arts Award was awarded to Maci Harris of Cruger. Wesley Harris of Benton received the Choral Music Award, Timothy Hutchinson of Kosciusko received the Dr. Marilyn Burrell Memorial Award and the Engineering Award went to Jon Parker Jones of Kosciusko. Jones also received the Michael Klauk Award.

The Physical Science Award was given to Peyton Killebrew of Sallis, the Band Award went to Milton Mayfield of Kosciusko, the Welding Award went to Heath McBride of Kosciusko and the Christine Herron Academic Achievement Award was given to

Kaneesha Moore of Kosciusko. Justin Nunn of Sallis received the Industrial Technology Award, Micah O'Guin of Vancleave received the W. Y. Sudduth History and Political Science Award and Patricia Orduna of Kosciusko received the Business Administration Award.

Khiayah Perryman of Madison was honored with the Architectural Engineering Award, Justin Porter of Benton received the Creative Writing Award and the Heating and Air Conditioning Technology Award was awarded to Ricky Purvis of Yazoo City. The Overall Engineering Technology Award went to Addison Ray of Lexington, the Biological Science Award went to Jasmine Rogers of Houston and the Business Office Technology Award was awarded to Kelli Sanders of Benton.

Octavia Smith of McCarley received the Cosmetology Award, Lakesia Smith of Goodman received the Growl Award, Alan Weeks of Ackerman got the Automotive Technology Award and the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department Award was awarded to Cameron Wells of Madison. The Elementary Education Award was presented to Jenson Williams of Benton and the English Composition Award to Asa Williams of Wilmette, Illinois.

The closing remarks of the ceremony were given by Wendy Grace, Coordinator of Academic Programs on the Goodman Campus. Following the ceremony there was a cookie social in the lobby of McDaniel Auditorium where the recipients were given custom-made cookies made by Magnolia Sweet, a Holmes alumnus-owned business.

Fine Arts Department expands band and choir offerings to Ridgeland and Grenada

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is Holmes Goodman Campus band member **Jaylan Lewis**. This fall, students in Ridgeland and Grenada will be able to take band and choir classes.

In Fall 2021, the Fine Arts Department at Holmes Community College will be offering opportunities to perform for students interested in the band and/or choir classes on the Ridgeland Campus and choir on the Grenada Campus.

Holmes decided to offer these classes because the Fine Arts Department saw a need to expand these opportunities to all three campuses. Many students needed a way to showcase their talents and love for music, which started at the high school level.

"Some unscientific research and study indicated that students enrolling on the Ridgeland Campus with previous music experience on the high school level, did not have an outlet to continue to gain instruction and enjoyment through music," said Benny Edwards, Director of Choral and Vocal Music.

"Additionally, students could declare music as a major, but there was only one music course being offered," Edwards said. "Consequently, those students would need to transfer after only one or two semesters so as not to fall behind on their pathway to graduation. We thought we could address those deficiencies by offering more options."

"Many of our students on the Ridgeland Campus have previous experience in band or choir, but because our ensembles rehearse on the Goodman Campus, they have largely been excluded," Assistant Band Director Terry Miller said. "We want to offer them the opportunity to continue to grow musically through taking applied lessons. In the lessons they can prepare audition material for a university band upon transfer, or they can rehearse the music our ensembles will be performing on the Goodman Campus."

Miller said he hopes by offering this

opportunity to the other campuses, the size of the performing ensembles will increase.

"We are targeting experienced musicians, not beginners," Miller said. "If I can teach students the music on the Ridgeland campus, and they will commit to attending all performances and a specified number of rehearsals with the full ensemble (in Goodman) those students will be eligible for scholarships."

"It remains to be seen how this offering will impact the current ensembles," Edwards said. "To a large degree, it will depend on how many students participate. If, for example, there are enough students to make up an ensemble that covers all the parts, it could stand alone as a separate ensemble to perform. However, if the choral balance does not support that option, the students can join with the larger ensemble housed on the Goodman Campus for performances."

Students can participate to either increase their skills or receive a credit with the expectation of performing at their campus and/or with the full group established at the Goodman Campus.

"The expectation varies according to which class they sign up for," Miller explained. "If they simply want to improve on their instrument without joining an ensemble, the college

should provide them that opportunity. If they enroll in an MUO class (Music organizations), the expectation is that they learn the music and perform with the group."

"Expectations for choral students will be to meet class and rehearse twice weekly, seeking to learn their music for a presentation or performance," Edwards said. "Required performance participation will be determined according to the balance of parts each semester. Especially as we begin, it is likely that the singers will combine with the Chorale students in Goodman for performances at homecoming, holiday concerts, or the end of the semester concerts."

There is no limit to how many students can take advantage of this opportunity.

"It is difficult to guess how many students will join our performing ensembles," Miller said. "It might be three or could be 30. I believe that many students miss performing and will want to join. The fact that they can earn college credit hours and possibly receive scholarships are pretty good incentives as well."

"The interest on Freshman Friday was positive," Edwards said. "I would

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think that 12-16 singers would be a great start. We have rehearsal space for twice that number. Currently there are 6 pre-registered for Choir. MUO 1211 is the registration course number. Auditions and part placement evaluations will continue until the last day to add a class.”

Both Miller and Edwards agree that making the students feel they are a part of the bigger picture is key to making these offerings a success.

“They will rehearse with the larger

group enough to get to know others in their section,” Miller said. “The pandemic has taught us all that we have to learn to adapt. Furthermore, I wholeheartedly believe that our Goodman students will enthusiastically welcome the addition that their talents will bring.”

“As much interaction as possible builds community,” Edwards said.

The classes were offered this semester at the Grenada Campus as a pilot program. Some conflicts arose later

in the semester, and these students weren’t able to participate in the semester-ending programs, but Edwards said it was a positive experience and thinks things will be on-track for the fall.

“Going forward, our plan is for our students to connect more frequently to build more community, and I will strive for better scheduling to avoid conflicts,” Edwards said. “I think the fact that I will be directing rehearsals on two campuses will be a unifying

denominator. Also, students will be welcome or perhaps required to attend rehearsals on the other campus if the preparation load demands it.”

For more information about these offerings, contact Terry Miller at temiller@holmescc.edu, Benny Edwards at bedwards@holmescc.edu or Jacqueline Meek at jmeek@holmescc.edu. Click on Enroll now at holmescc.edu to sign up.

Holmes student nurses help administer COVID-19 vaccines

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Pictured are (front row, left to right) **Jada Russell, Allison Rivers, Brandi Holden, Kaitlyn McBride**, (back row, left to right) **Brooke Vierling, Alberta D. Miller, Thomas Gill and Slade Allgood**.

Holmes Community College nursing students and instructors from both the Associate Degree Nursing Programs and the Practical Nursing Programs from all campuses have been busy this semester administering COVID-19 vaccinations and will continue to do so throughout the semester.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been given at the following locations: Canton High School, Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson, Warren County Health Department at Uptown Mall in Vicksburg, Baptist Hospital, Philadelphia, Starkville, University of Mississippi Medical Center Covid Vaccine Clinic in Grenada, Oxford Conference Center in Lafayette County, Health Department in Leflore County and Civic Center in Panola County with future vaccinations scheduled at Trustmark Park in Pearl. No group has given the Johnson and Johnson vaccine yet.

The Mississippi Department of Health reached out to nursing programs across the state, and Holmes answered their call for help. The programs have administered thousands of vaccines to this point.

“How exciting it is that our students get to be on the frontline in such a time as this,” Director of Health Science Programs Ginger Meriwether said. “While most of us will read about and view the pandemic from the outside looking in, many health science students will be featured as those providing direct patient care during this crisis. Imagine reading textbooks in the future and our very own Holmes Community College Health Science students are those of whom are administering direct patient care. I am extremely proud of all of our students and instructors as they lead by example.”

“Due to the overwhelming strain

on the state to administer wide spread COVID-19 vaccinations, the Mississippi Department of Health reached out to nursing programs across the state to notify us of upcoming vaccination opportunities,” Ridgeland Campus PN Instructor Heather Roberts said. “We as instructors made the decision that our students should be involved in this unprecedented event at the ground level. We have been able to assist the MS Baptist Clinics with their vaccine drive on several occasions now, and we will also be assisting the MS National Guard with two different drive through vaccination sites in the Jackson area.”

“The experience was great for the students,” ADN Assistant Director, Department Chair and Instructor Dr. Alice Austin said. “Several have commented that they loved the experience. It gave them a ton of experience giving injections, built confidence levels and allowed them to use their communication skills. Also, it gave them an opportunity to be a part of the pandemic solutions.”

“The students have enjoyed having the opportunity to interact with Mississippi residents on a broad scale,” Roberts said. “They have had the opportunity to practice social and mental health practices along with their physical skills when administering the vaccine. They have played a role in educating the clients and processing their information as well as providing the vaccine and immediate follow-up care. It is important in helping the students develop their communication skills and in promoting their confidence. They had the ability to see themselves making a difference in the world.”

“The students have enjoyed the experience,” Attala Center PN Instructor and Division Chair Dr. Christi Blair said. “They have vaccinated between 400-500 people a day. They

have learned multiple skills that are invaluable in the nursing field. It also allowed them to participate in this historic pandemic as part of the solution to this crisis.”

Grenada Campus PN Instructor Heather Rozier said this opportunity gave the students more clinical and injection experience than ever before. “They are an instrumental part of a pandemic and will be a part of its history in combating and overcoming the devastation of Covid-19,” Rozier said. “The Grenada PN students assessed the recipient, explained the vaccine information, administered the vaccine and monitored them during each visit. This enhanced their time management and teamwork skills as well as effective communication.”

“Our students really enjoyed the experience as it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to serve the community during a pandemic,” ADN Assistant Program Director Dr. Theresa Hargett said. “The students observed and participated in a real community event showing them how the nursing role expands beyond direct care for an acute hospital stay. The students assisted in all areas of the experience from assessment to drawing up, administering and follow up with the vaccinations.”

All instructors agree that for our society to return to some sense of normalcy Mississippians should get vaccinated.

“It is very important to decrease the number of cases,” Dr. Austin said. “As a healthcare and essential workers, we have been dealing with patients with Covid-19 for a year now. One way to decrease the numbers is for persons to get vaccinated. The vaccines are free so there is no expense.”

“If we are to return to a sense of ‘normalcy,’ vaccines are going to have to play a role,” Roberts said. “When we get more people vaccinated, we will see less aggressive and devastating side effects of COVID-19. Therefore, we will begin to see a drop in the over burdening of our healthcare system. With the multiple opportunities for drive-through vaccinations, choices in vaccine types, and free cost of vaccination, it is practical to see wide spread vaccination coverage and the return to a less invasive and less restrictive lifestyle.”

“Individuals should receive this vaccine so their body has the ability to fight this virus,” Dr. Blair said. “This not only protects the individual but also others they come in contact with on a daily basis. Everyone must do their part to help end this crisis.”

“Encouraging citizens to receive the Covid vaccine is imperative to saving lives and returning to somewhat of a

“normal” life,” said Rozier.

“Faculty and students have seen first-hand in our nursing division and personal lives the severity the impact of COVID-19 can have on individuals and families,” Dr. Hargett said. “If we ever have any hope of returning to some type of ‘normalcy’, it is imperative for everyone to get vaccinated to reach herd immunity.”

The nursing programs saw the importance of their involvement in this process.

“We are training the new generation of health care workers, and they need to be exposed as to how to work in every situation,” Dr. Austin said. “It happens to be the coronavirus this time. At one time, it was HIV/AIDS.”

“I think having our program participate in administering the COVID-19 vaccines was very important,” Roberts said. “We want to instill a sense of social responsibility in our students. Encouraging them to make a difference and participate in a time of extreme need will hopefully resonate with them as they become full-fledged nurses. We are all accountable for doing our part in this healthcare crisis, and it gave our students an opportunity to do just that. It’s also important for the community to see our healthcare programs invested in meeting the needs of the community that supports us.”

“Holmes Community College is very involved in the community and this is one way the nursing department can assist to help stop the spread of the virus and be part of the solution,” Dr. Blair said. “It demonstrates to the students how invaluable community service is.”

“Holmes Community College Grenada Practical Nursing instructors and students are forever grateful for the opportunity to be a part of history,” Rozier said. “These students will have lived firsthand the history nursing books will print about for years to come. UMMC Grenada and Holmes Community College-Grenada work closely to provide necessary clinical experiences to these students in order to provide the knowledge base required for successful nursing.”

“Almost every school has gotten involved in assisting with immunizations based on input during our recent Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing,” Dr. Hargett said. “It is important for Holmes to get involved not merely for recognition but to show our students we care and will rise to any opportunity to help our community in times of need.”

Grenada Campus honors students through Awards Program

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The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus recognized its students achievements and honors during the 2021 Honors Day program held on March 23 in Keeton Room of the Information Technology Center. Representatives from each academic and career-technical program presented awards to students who have shown excellence in their given major, program or extracurricular activity.

The award presentation recognition began with Grenada Campus Academic Coordinator Dr. Kathryn Cox welcoming everyone to the event which was also being hosted via Zoom for parents and family members. Following Dr. Cox, Director of Health Science Programs Ginger

Meriwether gave an opening prayer.

The Associate Degree Nursing Award (Day) went to Jonell Parker; the Associate Degree Nursing Award (Evening) went to Starlet Cannady; the Business Administration Award went to William Cade Whitfield; the Computer Science Award went to Alexis Rodgers; the Creative Writing Award went to Peyton Poe; the English Composition Award went to Jamya Benson; the Literature Award went to Anthony Grayson Bauer; the Learning and Life Skills Award went to Lekita Norwood; the Fine Arts Award to Nicholas Johnson; the Mathematics Award went to Razanne Salameh; the Biological Science Award went to Ainslee Hunter; the Chemistry Award

went to Hannah Olivia Lane; the Health and Physical Education Award went to Lekita Norwood; the Social Science Award went to McKenzie Cummings; the History Award went to Avery Tollison; the Spanish Award went to Hannah Olivia Lane; the Speech Award went to Iyanna Leavy; the Business Technology went to Starlet Price; the EMS-Basic Award went to Ashley Lishman; the EMS-Paramedic Award went to Bailey Smith; the Engineering Technology Awards went to Hunter Walton and Audrey Sykes; the Forestry Technology Award went to Gavin Kolb; the Conservation Law Enforcement Technology went to Chris C. Burchfield; the Heating, Ventilation, AC & Refrigeration Technology

Award went to Arron Jackson; the Practical Nursing Award went to Kelli Moody; the Physical Therapist Assistant Award went to Jerad Hunt; the Surgical Technology Award went to Shireka Henderson and the Welding & Cutting Technology Award went to Adonte Scott.

Dr. Cox concluded the program by recognizing the Hall of Fame recipients for the Grenada Campus. The recipients were McKenzie Cummings, Ashlee Hankins, Hannah Olivia Lane and Kennedy Norwood.



Pictured are the 2021 Grenada Campus Honors Day recipients from Grenada County. They are (front, left to right) **Kennedy Norwood, Ainslee Hunter, Razanne Salameh, Lekita Norwood, Ivanna Leavy, Jamya Benson, William Cade Whitfield,** (back row, left to right) **Audrey Sykes, Gavin Kolb, Nicholas Johnson, Ashlee Hankins, Ashley Lishman, Anthony Grayson Bauer, McKenzie Cummings and Hannah Olivia Lane.**



Pictured are the 2021 Grenada Campus Honors Day recipients from Montgomery County. They are (left to right) **Alexis Rodgers, Peyton Poe, Ashlee Hankins, Nicholas Johnson and Hannah Olivia Lane.**



Pictured are the 2021 Grenada Campus Honors Day recipients from Panola County. They are (left to right) **Shireka Henderson and Chris Burchfield.**



Pictured are the 2021 Grenada Campus Honors Day recipients from Tallahatchie County. They are (left to right) **Jonell Parker and Starlet Cannady.**



Pictured is the 2021 Grenada Campus Honors Day recipient from Yalobusha County, **Arron Jackson.**



Pictured is the 2021 Grenada Campus Honors Day recipient from Bolivar County, **Jerad Hunt.**

Ridgeland ADN program holds 2021 pinning ceremony

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2021 Ridgeland Campus ADN graduates prior to their Pinning Ceremony. They are (front row, left to right) **Megan Fortenberry, Markie Thomas, Rudasia Lee, Kara Grace Lea, Faith Rotich, Lady Heather Lindsey,** (second row, left to right) **Mallory Ballard, Grace Yeager, Latonia Simmons, Berenice McNeer, Jesse Pandolfo,** (third row, left to right) **Shelby Wroten, Jacy Cauthen, Ameshia A. Adams, Makalya Adams, Lindsey Rowell,** (fourth row, left to right) **Ashlee Johnson, Ericka Due, Emily-Ann Mathis, Seneca Hearn, Andrea Bonner, Taquincy Liger,** (fifth row, left to right) **Bethany Hayes, Wesley Scott Fields, Mariah Thompson, Leslie Johnson, Mitra Ghafarianpoor, Madeline Cummins,** (back row, left to right) **Cameron Ming and Ryan Hutchinson.**

The Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College held a Pinning Ceremony for the graduating Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Class of 2021 on May 5 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. Thirty-five students graduated from the program.

Graduates included: Ameshia A. Adams, Makalya Patrice Adams, Mallory Ashlyn Ballard, Caitlyn Brooke Beabe, Andrea Joy Bonner, Jacy Kathryn Cauthen, Lauren G. Craft, Madeline Crawford Cummins, Ericka Eve Due, Wesley Scott Fields, Megan E. Fortenberry, Mitra Ghafarianpoor, Bethany Jeanine Hayes, Seneca Renee Hearn, Ryan Keith Hutchinson, Ashlee Johnson, Leslie E. Johnson, Nikya D. Journigan, Kara Grace Lea, Rudasia Rutsha Lee, Taquincy Liger, Lady Heather Lindsey, Emily-Ann Lauren Mathis, Berenice Jazmin Mc-

Neer, Cameron D. Ming, Jesse Lynn Pandolfo, Faith Chepkemai Rotich, Lindsey D. Rowell, Latonia Denise Simmons, Markie B. Thomas, Mariah H. Thompson, Odiri Tietie, Briana Latrice Tobias, Shelby Fayjean Wroten and Allison Grace Yeager.

Each graduate entered the auditorium with their family members to receive their diploma cover, pin and candle. Kim Manning read each graduate's name as Cindy Bridges presented a gift bag with the pins and lamps and Susan Anderson presented the certificates.

The ceremony was recorded and will be put together as a video presentation for each graduate to keep.

For more information about the ADN program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Dr. Austin at (601) 605-3419 or aaustin@holmescc.edu.

Concerts on the Holmes Goodman Campus

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter

On April 19, 20, 21 and 22, The Fine Arts Department on the Goodman Campus put on a week-long performance of spring concerts and recitals. Usually, the concerts are together and on one day, but with covid still in the mist, the administration decided it was best to do multiple concerts.

Opening on Monday, the school hosted students and faculty members for a special private show before it opened to the public. On Tuesday night, many came to support the students with various crowds at both choir and the connection concert.

Wednesday afternoon was Lakesia Smith's sophomore voice recital featuring Camden Dixon. many student body, teachers, and patrons showed up to send their support,

Thursday concluded the week of concerts. Benny Edwards, the chorale director, and Micheal Yates, The Connection director received many accolades for the tremendous work they did to help the students get ready. Each concert got better with every performance. The students are very excited to see what's to come next year.



Alumna Haley Crenshaw named Teacher of the Year

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Pictured is Holmes alumna **Haley Crenshaw** ('14) who was named 2020-21 Teacher of the Year for both Bentonia Gibbs Elementary School and for the Yazoo County School District.

Holmes Community College alumna Haley Crenshaw was named 2020-21 Teacher of the Year for both Bentonia Gibbs Elementary School and for the Yazoo County School District. A native of Brandon, she graduated from the Holmes Ridgeland Campus as an elementary education major in May of 2014.

"Being awarded Teacher of the Year is something that I only dreamed of one day happening during my teaching career," Crenshaw said. "When I found out that I had been selected as the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year for Bentonia Gibbs, I felt honored. I work alongside some of the best teachers. Winning District Teacher of the Year for Yazoo County School District was such a surprise, but something I am so grateful for. I truly love my job and the ability I have to make a positive impact on every child's life. I am so thankful to have the best mentors that have helped shape me and helped me grow as an educator."

While at Holmes, Crenshaw was extremely active on campus. For two years,

she served as an Ambassador and a Student Government Association representative. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a member of the Vice President's Leadership Class in 2013 and a participant in Beauty Review where she was selected as a Beauty both years. Additionally, Crenshaw was a Sophomore Maid on Homecoming Court, selected as a Class Favorite in 2013 and inducted into the Holmes Hall of Fame in 2014.

"My time spent at Holmes is something that I will forever cherish," Crenshaw said. "Attending Holmes provided me with lifelong memories and friendships."

Mathematics instructor Stephanie Blue, who served as Crenshaw's academic adviser while at Holmes, said it was no surprise she received these honors.

"I was so proud to see Haley receive Teacher of the Year," said mathematics instructor Stephanie Blue. "While at Holmes, she was very involved and a super hard worker. I was not at all surprised by this fantastic recognition!"

Upon graduation from Holmes, Crenshaw transferred to the University of Mississippi where she obtained her bachelor's degree in elementary education with endorsements in K-12 English and history as well as a mild-to-moderate special education endorsement. She also earned her master's in curriculum and instructor from Ole Miss in 2018 with a gifted endorsement.

Crenshaw has been teaching at Bentonia Gibbs Elementary for five years. She taught second grade reading for two years and she is now in her third year of teaching third grade reading. She attends Fondren Church and in her free time, enjoys traveling, painting and playing with her dog Sadie. Crenshaw and her fiancé, Mitch Hall, plan to wed in June. They reside in Bentonia with Sadie and their two cats, Milo and Callie.

For more information about Holmes' educational programs, contact Educational Programs Coordinator Wendy Grace at wgrace@holmescc.edu or (662) 472-9072.

Holmes holds 2021 Foundation Golf Tournament

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Pictured is the 2021 winning team for the Holmes Foundation Golf Tournament. Team Ivey Mechanical included (left to right) **Ken Bain, Austin Terrell, Nicholas Upchurch and Denny Terrell**. Austin Terrell also had the Longest Drive on hole #18.

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

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

ally, Antoine Cash won a prize for being Closest to the Hole on #3.

The Holmes Foundation was established more than 45 years ago to represent the nine-county district the college serves. Its purpose is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes as well as provide funds to support other educational activities of the college, such as faculty development, modernization of classroom equipment, student development activities and sponsorship of capital improvement campaigns. The Annual Golf Classic raises money for the Holmes Foundation through corporate/team sponsorships, hole sponsorships and mulligan cards.

For more information, contact Career Technical Counselor Allison DeWeese for more information at 601-605-3430 or adeweese@holmescc.edu.



Pictured is the Second Flight Winning Team. Team Paint Plus included (left to right) **Kevin Connor, Scott DeLoach, Jon Thompson and J.T. Blair**.



Pictured is the Third Flight Winning Team. Team Holmes CTE included (left to right) **Bryan DeWeese, Frank Whittington, Dr. Luke Jones and Dr. Larry Webster**.

Holmes inducts six into Sports Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports/Photos



Willie C. Harris, Sr.



Durwin W. Carpenter



Jacobby M. Robinson



Danya A. Turner



Jonathan E. Boyd



Trumaine J. Sykes

On April 1, the Holmes Community College Alumni Association inducted six former athletes into the 2021 Sports Hall of Fame through a virtual ceremony. The inductees included: Willie C. Harris, Sr., (basketball), Durwin W. Carpenter (basketball), Jacobby M. Robinson (baseball), Danya A. Turner (football), the late Jonathan E. Boyd (basketball) and Trumaine J. Sykes (football).

Willie C. Harris, Sr.

Harris graduated from Bentonia High School and headed to Goodman to play basketball for Holmes. Harris played under Bennie Kimble from 1985-1987. At Bentonia High School, Harris achieved success in the sport as his high school team won the Class B State Championship, he was on the South State All-Star team and he was Co-MVP for Yazoo County All-Star team. When a six-foot center Harris arrived at Holmes, he was ready to play basketball and it showed in his achievements. “Holmes gave me the opportunity to play with the best in our area that I played against in high school and now are all my life long friends,” Harris said. While at Holmes Harris’s success continued. He was lead scorer, rebounder and team Most Valuable Player(MVP). He continued to excel his sophomore year as he was recognized as the Bulldog MVP and selected for the MVP for the Region 23 All-Tournament team. After Holmes Harris went straight to work in the beverage industry and worked his way up. He is now serving as branch manager for Keurig/Dr. Pepper where he has been for 25 years. Harris’ hard work and dedication in the beverage industry earned him the title of being territory manager in 2001.

Starting in 2020, in addition to his other position, he became a non-alcoholic manager for Southern Beverages. Harris is also co-owner of Harris Graphics and Designs. In 2010, Harris returned to further his education and earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Penn State University. Harris and his wife, Darlene, live in Brandon. Together they have three children: Willie Harris, Jr. (34), Quincy Harris (30) and Diandra Harris (27).

Durwin W. Carpenter

Carpenter, a native of Holcomb, graduated from John Rundle High School in Grenada and headed to Holmes Community College to play basketball. Carpenter graduated from Holmes in 1971 and continued on to Delta State to play basketball. In 1973, Carpenter earned a B.S. from Delta State University. After college Carpenter began his coaching career at Grenada Lake Academy as the head boys’ basketball coach, track coach and assistant football coach. After a one-year stay, he went to Central Holmes Academy. During his 20-year tenure at Central Holmes, he served as athletic director, head football coach, head boys’ and girls’ basketball coach, track coach, head boys’ baseball coach and head girls’ fast-pitch softball coach. In 1994, Carpenter accepted the position as head girls’ basketball coach at Pillow Academy where he continues to coach varsity and junior high girls and serve as athletic director. He has also assisted with girls’ track and softball. Carpenter begins his 49th year as a

coach in the MAIS, 48 years of coaching girls and he begins his 28th season at Pillow Academy. While at Pillow his coaching accomplishments in girls’ basketball include four Overall State Championships and four Overall State Championship runner-ups. This year’s Lady Mustangs are the reigning overall champions from 2020. His girls’ basketball teams have participated in the Overall State Tournament 21 times out of the last 28 years. One of these years were with his Central Holmes Academy Team. In addition, his girls’ basketball teams have won 10 State Championships, 19 North State Championships and numerous conference championships. His girls’ basketball record is 1,099 wins and 387 losses. His 1996-1997 Pillow Academy team recorded a perfect 37-0 record. On December 5, 2017 Carpenter received his 1,000 win. During his tenure as girls’ track coach, his teams won two Track State Championships and eight North State Championships. During his career as boys’ basketball coach at Central Holmes Academy, his teams had several championship appearances. Carpenter has been recognized as “Overall Coach of the Year” four times and “State Coach of the Year” 10 times. He has served as a coach on 12 MAIS All-Star teams. In 2005, Carpenter was inducted into the Delta State University Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame. In 2010, he was inducted into the MAIS Hall of Fame. In 2017 he was inducted into the Pillow Academy Sports Hall of Fame. Currently, Carpenter resides in Greenwood with his wife Judy, who is also a Holmes Alumnae. Together the Carpenters have two daughters, Angie and Dana, along with four grandchildren.

Jacobby M. Robinson

A native of Meridian and graduate of Meridian High School, Robinson played baseball for Holmes during the 2011-2012 seasons. Robinson was second baseman for the Dirt Bags under Coach Kenny Dupont. Dupont recruited Robinson to be his second baseman at Holmes. Robinson worked hard to keep his second base position over his two year tenor at Holmes. As a successful infielder, Robinson was recognized by the division by making the first team all-state in 2012 and was one of the Holmes baseball team captains in 2012. Robinson was on the North Division Championship team in 2011. “One of my fondest memories at Holmes was getting to meet Roy Oswalt, a former MLB pitcher and previous Holmes Dirtbag, and having an at bat against him,” said Robinson. After Holmes, Robinson played at the University of West Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management with a minor in business. Robinson started his professional career as an assistant coach at his alma mater of West Alabama and guided that team to the 2015 GSC Championship. In 2016, Robinson took a job with the Onterio Blue Jays travel team as an assistant coach. While Robinson continued to make an impact in coaching, he held several other jobs at several other colleges such as Young Harris College and had two coaching stints in the Coastal Plains Summer wood bat league for the Asheboro Copperheads and the Macon Bacon before landing a coaching job at Lee University. Now Robinson is assistant coach and

recruiting coordinator at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. Robinson lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee and plans to marry his fiancée Jenna when she completes her doctoral program at the University of Alabama in August of 2022.

Danya A. Turner

Turner, a graduate of Weir High School, headed to Goodman with his twin brother, Dashan, to play football for the Holmes Community College Bulldogs for the 1997-1999 seasons. Turner was an offensive lineman at Holmes under Hugh Sherdan and Jeff Koonz as head coaches. At the time Turner was at Holmes, Andy Wood was his offensive line coach. He was very successful on the field which led to his participation in the 1998 Community College All-Star Game in 1998. “Simply put, I enjoyed everything at Holmes,” Turner said. After Holmes Turner played football at Liberty University while earning his Bachelor of Science in Education. Turner’s connection to sports did not stop after he returned home from college, he returned to his hometown to give back to the youth to help them achieve the same opportunities. Turner started his coaching and teaching career at Weir High School. In 2004, he was awarded New Teacher of the Year and three years in a row (2006-2009) he was awarded District Coach of the Year. Furthering his education in 2017, Turner earned his master’s in educational leadership from the University of Phoenix. Getting his master’s degree allowed Turner to obtain a leadership position at Louisville High School where he is today. Twenty years later, Turner has twin sons who play for Holmes. The Turner twins will be starting their second season at Holmes in the fall under Coach Gross. Turner and his wife live in Eupora with their three kids, Donovan (19), Devean (19) and Mitchell (12). He also serves as a Pastor of Mt. Sinai M.B. Church in Louisville.

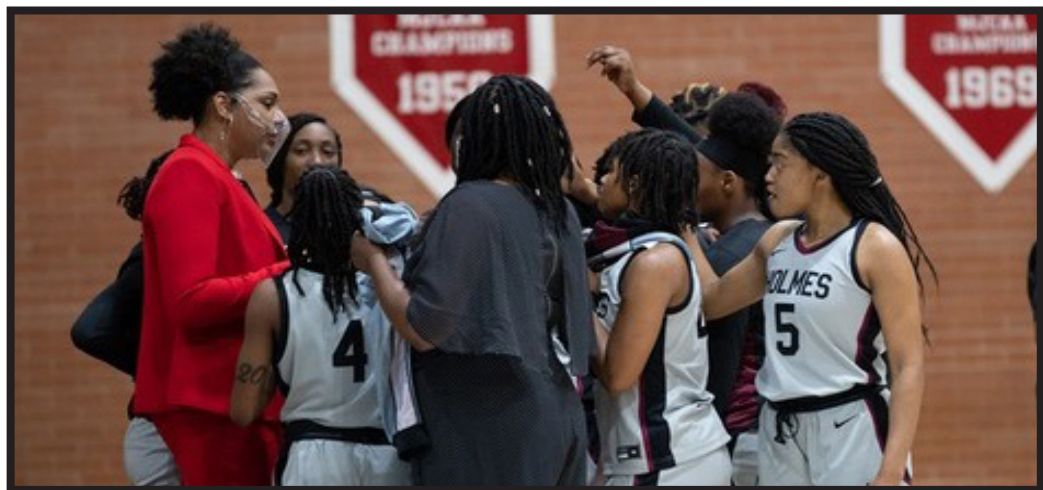
Jonathan E. Boyd

The late Boyd of Durant played basketball at Holmes for two seasons under Coach Todd Kimble. Boyd was a 2008 graduate of Holmes. Basketball was a family thing for Boyd as he was following in his brother Triaton’s footsteps. Holmes was a good fit for him as it was just down Highway 51 and he had five other family members that called it their alma mater as well. Boyd was part of the 2007 Holmes Men’s Basketball Team which won the MACJC Men’s Basketball Championship. Boyd was a successful on and off the court as he maintained academic honors while at Holmes. In 2006-2007 season, Boyd was recognized as the highest men’s free throw percentage leader. The following season Boyd was really recognized for his talent. He was the recipient of the Frank B. Branch Award, MVP for the Holmes men’s basketball and participated on the MACJC North All Star Team. After Holmes, Boyd continued his career in basketball at Alcorn State University. Boyd’s success followed him at the next level. Among some of his accomplishments was the opportunity to play on the sub-regional all-tournament team in 2009, ASU Men’s Basketball Best 3 point shooter 2008-2009, ASU Outstanding

Young Adult in 2010 and ASU Academic Award in 2010. While at Alcorn, Boyd earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education/Guidance Education. After college, Boyd continue to share his love of basketball and youth. He volunteered with the McAdams High School boys’ and girls’ basketball. He taught physical education at Linwood Elementary School and was named 2012 Teacher of the Year. In 2013, Boyd was hired as head coach of Durant Public Schools boys’ basketball team. It only took him two years to lead the boys basketball team to a Region 6-1A championship, after which he was named 2015 6-1A Coach of the Year. Boyd was diagnosed with leukemia in early March 2015 and lost the fight only three weeks later at age 26. Boyd had a daughter, Riley Janae Boyd, who is now six. Boyd’s family continues to work to inspire youth who Boyd impacted by using a quote from Tony Dungy. “Success is uncommon and not to be enjoyed by the common man. I’m looking for uncommon people because we want to be successful, not average, on and off the court,” Dungy said. In honor of Boyd’s life the Annual Coach Jonathan Boyd Award is given to a high school senior athlete in Durant by Boyd’s family. Holmes Athletics now awards a deserving athlete who embodies the principles of dedication as Boyd held. Trumaine “Joe” Sykes A native of Grenada and graduate of Grenada High School, Sykes played football at Holmes Community College for the 2001-2003 season under Coach Hugh Shurden. Upon arrival at Holmes, Sykes had to hit the ground running in competition for the starting spot as Coach Shurden moved him to a defensive end which was a new position for him. He did not start his first game at Holmes but when Coach Shurden put him in he was on fire. Sykes did not miss a starting position the rest of the time he was at Holmes due to his hard work, dedication and good performance on the field. Sykes went on to be a leader on and off the football field at Holmes. As an outstanding defensive end he was named NJCAA All-American. Sykes had several scholarship offers from Auburn, Louisiana Tech, Memphis, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Southern Miss and Temple and West Virginia University which he committed to in 2003. After West Virginia, he also played at Southern University where he was named first team All-SWAC. Sykes entered the NFL as an un-drafted free agent in 2006 for the Washington Redskins. Then Sykes went on to play to play a successful career in the Canadian Football League for several years before trying his talent in National Arena League. Sykes was awarded Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2018 while playing for the Albany Empire in New York. In 2019, Sykes was part of the team that won the Arena Bowl XXXII. After the big season success in 2019 Sykes retired from the sport. Sykes lives in New York with his family and football continues to be a part of his life even after 18 years after he left Holmes. Now he helps youth get ready and plan to be successful on the field teaching them all the things he did not know when he started his career.

Coach Andrews reflects on her time at Holmes

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Head Women's Basketball Coach Jamilah Andrews recently announced that the 2020 season was her last at Holmes, and that she and her family would be relocating to the Atlanta area.

Coach Andrews has served as head coach the last nine years and as assistant coach prior to being named head coach. Her teams participated in the state tournament five times and the Region XXIII Tournament four times including this year's game vs. Southwest Mississippi Community College.

She was chosen as the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Coach of the Year in 2018 as her team went on to win the MACJC North Division Championship. Andrews had the privilege to coach former professional athlete and NJCAA All-American player, Aja Williams.

Coach Andrews holds a master's degree in Physical Education from the University of West Alabama. She has a bachelor's degree in Human Environmental Sciences from the University of Alabama. She played professionally in Spain following her playing career at Alabama. Prior to Alabama, she played two seasons for Louisiana State University and made appearance to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen as a freshman and Elite Eight and as a sophomore.

At Alabama, Andrews was named Co-Captain of her team and was the only senior to start every game for the Tide averaging 11.5 points and 7.8 rebounds. During her senior season at the Capstone, she received accolades for the team's best in field goal percentage, team leading rebounder, and team leader in blocked shots. Within the SEC, Andrews was ranked 7th in rebounding and 10th in blocked shots in 2002-03.

"Holmes Community College and Holmes County as a whole has been very good to our family," Coach Andrews said. "We have met some amazing people and have built some life-long friendships. Just because we are relocating does not mean that we are going to forget about Holmes County. I am so grateful for the opportunity of being named the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Holmes. I am confident that the program will continue going in the right direction."

"The most rewarding thing about coaching was being able to make a

difference in my players' lives," Coach Andrews said. "While we have had players from all walks of life and backgrounds to come here, being able to instill in them the importance of education and overall life skills has been joyous not that I did not love my job as a basketball coach."

She said one of her most memorable moments occurred in 2018 when her program had 10 graduates. "That was very special," she said. "A lot of times athletes go to school and they just think ball, ball, ball, but again, I wanted my girls to understand that their academics came first."

Coach Andrews said, "Being employed at Holmes had a family like atmosphere. The thing I will miss the most are my coworkers. Not only do we have a work relationship, but we know each other's families, children and parents."

She and her family will be moving to Georgia at the end of this week, and she will go to work with her brother and sister-in-law in their marketing business, Twenty and 3. Twenty and 3 works closely with entrepreneurs, bloggers, small businesses, and large corporate clients – building and elevating brands. She will be helping with the websites and photography side of the business.

Coach Andrews said making the move now was very important for her entire family. Her daughters, Carleigh and Kelsi, have established themselves on the basketball court in the state of Mississippi and moving to the Atlanta area will be very important in their advancement in the sport.

Andrews is very proud of her daughters and feel as if the transition will be fine as Carleigh is ranked number in her 2022 class and already has 20 hours of college credits completed. She will be an upcoming senior this season and has scored 949 points during her high school career at Holmes County Central. Kelsi, a 6'4 seventh grader, is also a straight "A" student who led the state of Mississippi in blocks with 105 averaging over five blocks per game. Both girls helped lead Holmes County Central advance to the 5A State Championship game this season but came up a little short in the championship game versus Laurel. While Khloe, the youngest of the 3, is only a third grader, the expectations are high for her as well.

Her husband, Carlos, serves as the fitness center director and intramural director on the Goodman Campus. Over the years, he has helped the women's basketball team with the fitness and conditioning as well.

"It's definitely a better opportunity for the girls and more exposure for them. As for Carlos and me, it will be more opportunities," Coach Andrews said. Both Carleigh and Kelsi play AAU basketball and play for the Finest Basketball Club (FBC), which is headquartered in Atlanta.

"It's based out of Atlanta so that will be easier for us," she said. "We have been traveling back and forth in the summers to Atlanta and all over states. Kelsi was named a "Blue Star", so we went to Tampa last year."

"Again, the move is going to very different for the girls, but I feel as if they will easily adjust as they are accustomed to traveling," Coach Andrews said. "I am sure they are going to miss their coaches, teammates, friends, the country living, attending my practices and being around the players. Carleigh is more reserved and is slowly warming up to the idea of relocating; however, the other two are excited and ready to go. They'll take on anything. As long as we are one unit, the girls are good. They will miss the freedom to roam as they have grown up being known as 'campus kids'."

"I've always talked to them about being in the coaching arena and how change is possible. I have tried my best to prepare them for that, but this is home for them. Even though they were born in different states (Carleigh in Alabama, Kelsi in Texas, and Khloe in Mississippi), this is all they've known."

Coach Andrews said she is thankful that she had the opportunity to learn from former head coach, Ron Aldy. She said he would see things on the floor that she could not when she first started coaching. "He taught me a lot," Coach Andrews said. "I remember the players would go up and down the floor about four or five times, and Coach Aldy would stop practice and correct each trip. I remember thinking to myself, 'I didn't see any of that. Maybe I'm watching for the wrong thing.' I would ask him, what should I be watching for, and he would tell me. Most of the time when I was in practice, I would sit back and observe him coaching. At times, Coach Clay has looked at me the same way I looked at Coach Aldy. It became easier throughout the years."

Coach Andrews wants to be remembered for her genuine care and love for her players on and off the court. "As a coach, the one thing I have told my players was that I wanted them to remember me by the fact that I generally cared," Coach Andrews said. "This wasn't just a job for me, it was a

ministry and I have enjoyed it so much.

"I have three daughters; therefore, I always told myself I was going to treat my players like I would want someone to treat my daughters." She said she's had players come in, and it just didn't work out and they transferred to other schools. "I told these players, 'just because you do not fit our program does mean you will not fit in another program'. I always tried to speak life and never wanted a kid to feel like I was throwing them away. I wanted to give them a chance."

She said when she was in college, she did not know the importance of competing for a grade point average, that is why she was so adamant about educating her players on their academics how grade point averages will follow you for the rest of your life. "Everything that I learned about succeeding in life, I taught them."

She not only encourages her players to graduate with an associate's and bachelor's degree, but she advises them to get a post-graduate degree as well through graduate assistantship positions. "I tell them that if they do everything they are supposed to do as a person and as a player, it will increase their chances of getting those positions." These players are literally like my babies. When my players hurt, I hurt. When they messed up, it is like my own kids and it bothered me."

Coach Andrews said just because she has no plans to coach right now does not mean that we will not see her back on the sidelines at some point. "Right now, I just want to sit back and enjoy my family," she said. "That does not mean that I won't get back into coaching. The entire time I have been coaching, I've been running and running. I just want the opportunity to be a parent and to sit in the stands and cheer for my kids. I just want that summer or however long. Whichever direction God takes me, I am willing to go."

On Tuesday, the women's basketball team and Assistant Coach Amber Clay had a going away party for Coach Andrews. A large crowd gathered of her current and former players, friends and co-workers inside Frank Branch Coliseum.

"I had no clue about the party," Andrews said. "They did an excellent job keeping that from me. Coach Clay called me and said the girls wanted me to come over to the gym. Even my daughters didn't say anything."

She said when they were driving to the gym, she saw her parents but didn't think anything about it. She knew they were coming to Goodman anyway. "When the lights came on, I thought to myself, 'This is crazy'. It blew my mind. I cried and cried. I got a million of responses on Facebook, and I haven't been able to respond to everyone yet. Goodman has been home for 13 year while it is hard to part ways, it is time."

No. 2 Lady Bulldogs finish season sweep of Hinds, 6-0

From Staff Reports/Photos



The No. 2 ranked Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs improved to 7-0-1 on the season and 4-0 in the North Division with a 6-0 win over Hinds Community College on May 4 at Jackson Academy.

Laney Smith scored on a Megan Richardson assist to put Holmes up 1-0 in the first half. Ravynne Wilson picked up a goal later in the half on another Richardson assist to give Holmes

a 2-0 lead at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs went up 3-0 on a goal from Mia Aviles on an assist from Savannah Turner. Wilson added her second goal of the night on an assist from Cariel Ellis to put Holmes up 4-0. Wilson then assisted an Ellis goal to make it 5-0 before Kaci Craft rounded out the scoring on an assist from Londyn Dorsey.

Self powers Bulldogs past Bears, 3-1

From Staff Reports/Photos



Caleb Self

Holmes Community College freshman midfielder Caleb Self from Ocean Springs scored two first half goals to help lead the Bulldogs to a 3-1 win over the Southwest Mississippi Community College Bears at home on Saturday, May 1.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 4-4 overall. The Bulldogs are 3-1 in

the North Division.

Self got his first goal of the day in the third minute. His second goal came in the 19th minute, and Holmes led 2-0 at halftime.

Southwest got their only goal in the 58th minute just before the Bulldogs' Andres Mendez scored in the minute to round out the scoring on the day.

Darrell Grantham, Alfredo Marin and Marcel Hopson each had assists in the match. Jordan Stevens played 90 minutes in the match and had 12 saves in the contest.

Holmes alumnus/former NFL player Alvin McKinley inducted into Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame

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Pictured is Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** presenting Holmes alumnus Alvin McKinley's plaque to McKinley's sister, **Kenya Cistrunk**, since McKinley was unable to attend the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame ceremony.

Holmes Community College alumnus and former NFL player Alvin McKinley was inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame on Tuesday, April 27 at the Hinds Community College Muse Center in Pearl. McKinley's sister, Kenya Cistrunk, accepted the award

from Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey on her brother's behalf because McKinley was unable to attend.

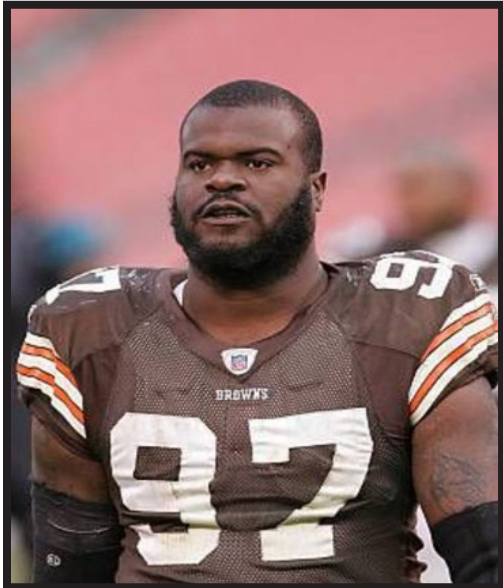
A McCool native, McKinley attended Weir High School, leading the Lions to a state championship as a two way starting wide receiver and defensive end.

While at Holmes McKinley played defensive end under Coach Hugh Shurden. He was recognized as an All American first team for 100 plus tackles with 26 behind the line of scrimmage. Among other accomplishments while at Holmes, he was picked to play in the 1997 Community College All-Star game.

"I enjoyed going to the Holmes baseball and basketball games to root on our fellow Bulldogs," McKinley said. "We all had classes together and most of us had competed against each other in high school."

After Holmes, McKinley earned a degree from Mississippi State University while playing football. During McKinley's time at Mississippi State the football team celebrated their successes of the season participating in two bowl appearances, 1998 Peach Bowl and the 1999 Cotton Bowl.

McKinley continued to achieve success on the field. In 1999, he was the number one defensive nose guard in the nation and played in the east/west Shrine Bowl. In 2000, he participated



Alvin McKinleyAlvin McKinley

in the NFL Combine and measured the longest arms, biggest hands out of all the players invited.

During the 2000 NFL draft, McKinley was the 120 pick of the fourth round to the Caroline Panthers. McKinley continued on to play for the Cleveland Brown, Denver Broncos and

Bulldogs fall to Jones, 9-1 and 9-6

From Staff Reports/Photos



Matthew Koch

Kenneth Moore

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs ended their season on April 25 vs. Jones College in Goodman. Jones won 9-1 and 9-6.

In game one, Dillon Spears got the start and suffered the loss. He went three innings and gave up seven runs on six hits with three strikeouts and three walks. Cade Johnson gave up two runs with three walks and two strikeouts. Alex Frillman, Cole Drake, Dalton Luke and Cade Pinnix each had one hit with Frillman adding a

double.

In game two, Matthew Koch got the start. He went 4 1/3 innings and gave up six runs on seven hits with three strikeouts and seven walks. Will Cook went 2 1/3 innings and took the loss. He gave up three runs on five hits with two strikeouts and one walk. Parker Wood went 1/3 of an inning in the game.

Frillman led with two hits including a double while Kenneth Moore added a triple.

No. 2 Lady Bulldogs get 5-1 win over Itawamba Lady Indians

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Megan Richardson

Londyn Dorsey

Savannah Turner

The No. 2 Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs improved to 8-0-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the North Division after completing the season sweep of the Itawamba Community College Lady Indians, 5-1, at home on May 7.

Holmes is scheduled to play East Central Community College on Tuesday in Ridgeland at 1 p.m.

Itawamba got the first goal of the match in the 40 minute.

The Lady Bulldogs got on the scoreboard in the 41st minute when Megan Richardson scored on an assist from Cameron Gladney. Ravynne Wilson

gave the Lady Bulldogs the lead for good when she scored on a penalty kick in the 43rd minute, and Holmes led 2-1 at halftime.

Richardson got her second goal of the match in the 64th minute on an assist from Savannah Turner. Cariel Ellis got a goal in the 73rd minute on an assist from Madelyn Polk. Londyn Dorsey ended all scoring in the 86th minute on an assist from Jordan Patrick.

Carly Williams finished with four saves in the match.

Bunch named to All-Region XXIII Team

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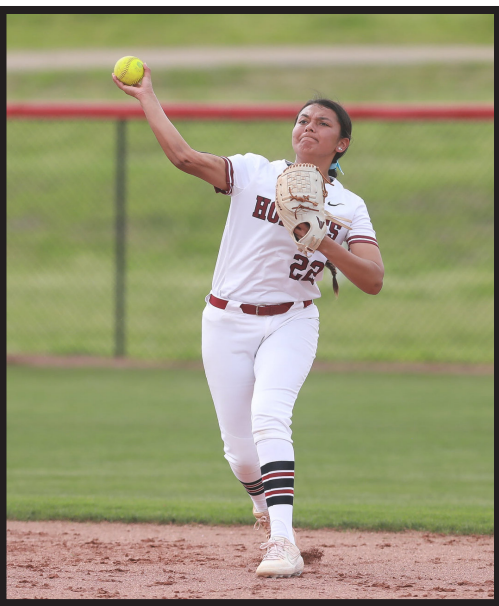


Holmes Community College sophomore guard Gabrielle Bunch from Laurel has been named to the 2021 NJCAA All-Region XXIII Team for her play this season. Bunch was also named to the All-MACCC First Team following the season. Her teammate Jordyn Manning was named Second Team All-MACCC. She led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with 12.9 points per game. She scored 220 points this season for the Lady

Bulldogs and shot 39.3 percent from the field (72-of-183), 26.5 percent from the three-point line (18-of-68) and 77.3 percent from the free throw line (58-of-75). She had 2.5 assists per game, 1.9 steals per game and 4.5 rebounds per game. The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 6-10 and fell to Southwest Mississippi Community College, 72-56, in the Region XXIII Tournament.

No. 14 ranked Lady Bulldogs fall to Jones, 8-0 and 12-7

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The No. 14 ranked Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs ended the regular season here today and fell twice to Jones College, 8-0 and 12-7. The Lady Bulldogs now wait and see to see if they'll make the MACCC playoffs. In game one, Kelsie Travis suffered the loss. She went 4 2/3 innings and gave up eight runs on 10 hits with three strikeouts. Hailey Lunderman-Ellingburg had the only hit in game one. In game two, Malita Chaffier started the game and suffered the loss. She gave up seven runs on six hits in two

innings with two walks. Travis went four innings and gave up five runs on eight hits with three strikeouts. Madeline McCown led the Lady Bulldogs with three hits including a homerun. Camm Neathery had two hits including a three-run HR. The Lady Bulldogs now wait and see to see if they'll make the MACCC playoffs. In game one, Kelsie Travis suffered the loss. She went 4 2/3 innings and gave up eight runs on 10 hits with three strikeouts. Hailey Lunderman-Ellingburg had the only hit in game one.

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Higgins named Second Team NJCAA All-American

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Holmes Community College sophomore guard Kaleb Higgins of Pine Bluff has been named Second Team NJCAA All-American for his play this season. Higgins was also named to the NJCAA All-Region XXIII Team and First Team All-MACCC and Most Valuable Player. Brandon Weatherspoon was also named to the NJCAA All-Region XXIII Team and Second Team All-MACCC. Higgins, Weatherspoon and Tyler Talley were named to the Region XXIII Tournament Team while Head Coach Jason Flanigan was named Coach of the Year.

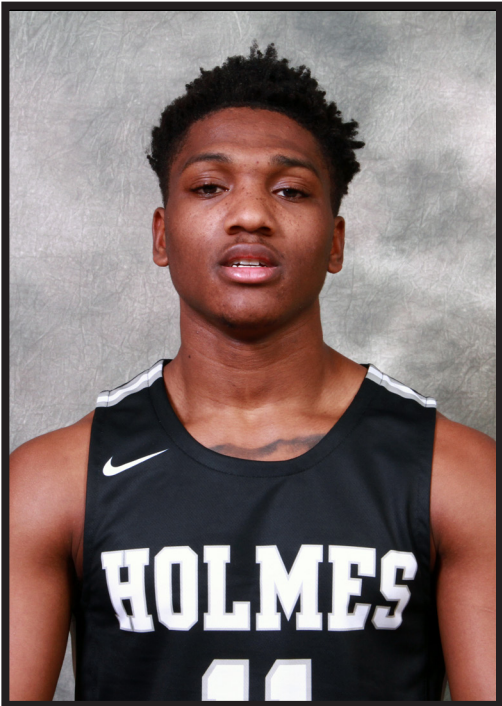
The Bulldogs made their third trip to Hutchinson, Kansas for the NJCAA National Tournament and went 1-1 in the tournament. Holmes also went to the tournament in 2015 and 2018. Higgins from Pine Bluff, Ark. led the Bulldogs in scoring with a 19.1 per game average. He shot 44.8 percent from the floor (125-of-279), 39.1 percent from the three point line (43-of-110) and 86.4 percent from the free throw line (89-of-103). He averaged 4.8 rebounds per game, 4.8 assists per game and 1.3 steals per game. He scored 382 points this season.

Higgins and Weatherspoon named to the All-Region XXIII Team

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Kaleb Higgins



Brandon Weatherspoon

Two Holmes Bulldogs - Kaleb Higgins and Brandon Weatherspoon - have been named to the 2021 NJCAA All-Region XXIII Team for their play this season. Higgins was also named First Team All-MACCC and Most Valuable Player while Weatherspoon was named Second Team All-MACCC. Higgins, Weatherspoon and Tyler Talley were named to the Region XXIII Tournament Team while Head Coach Jason Flanigan was named Coach of the Year. The Bulldogs made their third trip to Hutchinson, Kansas for the NJCAA National Tournament and went 1-1 in the tournament. Holmes also went to the tournament in 2015 and 2018. Higgins from Pine Bluff, Ark. led

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Campus: Ridgeland

Major: Mass Communications & Journalism

Kaitlyn “Kay-Kay” Anderson is a sophomore at Holmes majoring in mass communications. She is part of the newspaper staff and was a member of the year book staff last semester. Anderson works part-time for Pinelake church, where she is part of the worship team and also a coach for next gen. She is also a social media manager and writer for Woman to Woman the Magazine with Joanne. In her free time, she loves to write, sing, dance and spend time with family and friends. Anderson also loves writing to soldiers overseas; she has been doing that since she was 6 years old.

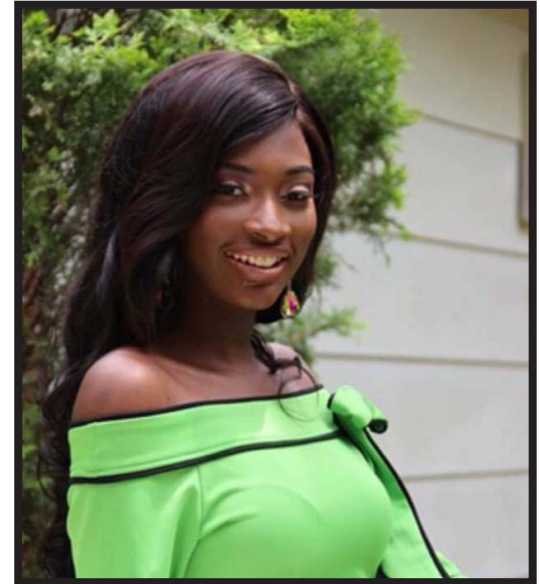
**Tymer Reynolds**

Hometown: Jackson

Campus: Ridgeland

Major: Pre-law

Tymer Reynolds is a graduate of Jim Hill High School. She is a first-year student at Holmes, and her passion for writing generated from the creative stories she narrates on Wattpad. She is currently majoring in pre-law; with high hopes she can further her education at Harvard. Tymer thrives on her goals, which is to help the less fortunate with the oppression of the judicial system.

**Lakesia Smith-Smart**

Hometown: Goodman

Campus: Goodman

Major: Voice

Lakesia 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.

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