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Holmes mourns employee Brian Simmons

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Holmes Community College faculty and staff members were heartbroken at the passing of Brian Simmons, one of the groundskeeping employees on the Goodman Campus, on Aug. 11. Simmons, 35 years old at the time of his passing, was a native of Holmes County and had just been recognized for 10 years of service with the Holmes family. He was a graduate of Williams-Sullivan High School.

The visitation was held on Friday, Aug. 19 at the Affordable Funeral Home of Durant. The funeral service followed the

next day, also at the Affordable Funeral Home Chapel, with the burial immediately following at New Banyon Cemetery.

“Holmes Community College mourns the loss of one of our most dedicated employees, Brian Simmons,” said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. “Brian faithfully served our students and fellow employees working in the landscaping department in Goodman. He was always quick to volunteer to do whatever was needed to ensure the campus looked its best. He will be greatly missed.”

Goodman Campus engineering tech-

nology instructor Will Alexander also had kind words to share about Simmons.

“Simmons always had a smile on his face,” Alexander said. “Whenever I needed assistance with the Challenge Course or Disc Golf Course, I could always count on him to be the first to show up and help. He had a contagious positive attitude that always made working with him fun. He will be greatly missed by us all!”

Niche names Holmes Mississippi’s 2023 #1 Community College

From Staff Reports/Photos



Niche recently named Holmes Community College Mississippi’s 2023 #1 Community College. The company also ranked Holmes 11 out of 252 in the Best Online Colleges in America category and 36 out of 906 in the Best Community Colleges in America division. Holmes achieved these rankings for standing out in both quality and affordability.

“On behalf of our institution, we are excited to be recognized as the best community college in Mississippi,” said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. “At Holmes, we are proud to provide a quality, affordable education with some of the best instructors and staff members in the state. We are continually working to add new programs, update our facilities and find ways to offer students the most advanced technology/updated equipment possible to enhance their learning experience. Offering an accessible education that helps students prepare for promising careers gives us great pride.”

A multi-campus institution, Holmes offers the Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Applied Science degree, technical and career certificates and workforce training. The college now offers more than 50 academic majors, approximately 30 professional programs and a variety

of student support services. Holmes is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Holmes is part of the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) and offers classes via the Internet platform Canvas. Courses are offered both by Holmes instructors and through other instructors in the MSVCC. Although several options are offered, including regular semester courses, four-week courses and eight-week courses, the eLearning Department offers to customize schedules for interested students if they do not see a class they need. Currently, Holmes offers over 80 online programs.

Holmes’ low student-to-faculty ratio and affordability make the college accessible to many, as well. Currently, 94 percent of students at Holmes receive financial aid. The Office of Financial Aid administers

a variety of programs to assist in meeting student financial needs, including Federal and State financial aid programs, student loans, state scholarships and Federal Work-Study.

Additionally, this is not the institution’s first time to be recognized for excellence. Mississippi Business Journal named Holmes as a finalist for the “Best Two-Year College” in Mississippi, ranking the college second in the state in 2019. Holmes also ranked #2 for Best Online Associate in Psychology Program by The-BestSchools.org two years in a row and was ranked #2 for Best Online Community Colleges in Mississippi by Optimal’s Guide to Online Schools, just to name a few accolades.

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Homecoming 2022 set for Oct. 27

From Staff Reports/Photos



Homecoming 2022 is set for Thursday, Oct. 27 on the Goodman Campus with activities starting at 8:30 a.m. and finishing up with live music after the football game against Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Honorees for 2022 include: Alumnus of the Year, Derek Starling, Sr. of Madison; Distinguished Service Award, Kay Asken of Sallis; Young Alumnus of the Year, Taylor Bishop of Sallis and Veteran of the Year, William “Bill” J. Lutz of Ridgeland.

On Oct. 27, Homecoming festivities kick off with a Visual Arts Display in the McMorrough Library at 8:30 a.m. followed two football reunions, the

20th for the 2002 team and the 50th for the 1972 team. There will be an open practice for the softball and baseball teams at 9 a.m. which alumni and friends are welcome to enjoy. Academic Programs and Career Technical Education will be hosting their Career and Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. until noon and at the same time Workforce Development will host “Major’s Truck Expo” with all of the big industry vehicles on display for guests coming to campus.

The honorees will be recognized in McDaniel Auditorium at 10 a.m. followed by the debut performance from the Holmes Connection! and Coach-

men at 10:20 a.m.

The Holmes Bow Wow Trail will be hosting a tournament starting 10 a.m. anyone that is interested must sign up online before Oct. 20.

The mid-day activities include: lunch (available in several locations this year- the Carroll Cafeteria, Lorange Student Center and Food Trucks in front of McDaniel), as well as fun and games in the Grove accompanied with live music by the Holmes Jazz Band. At noon the Holmes Chorale will perform a variety of their music in the Chapel on the Hill.

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COMING MAIDS

Hatred toward young African American males

By **Tamya Jefferson**
Staff Reporter



In the United States, multiple innocent African American males have been killed. I look at this as an issue because I believe that Black teens are killed because of the color of their skin. There have been different occasions where innocent Black teens or just young males period are killed by white cops. There was a time, 2014 to be exact, where teens and young males such as Tamir Rice, who was only 12 years old, was shot by a police officer after brandishing what turned out to be a B.B. gun, on Nov. 22, 2014 in Cleveland, Ohio. When officers arrived on the scene, the officers said that Rice reached for his toy, but he was not pointing it at them. That's when an officer fired two shots at Rice from a distance.

Another example is Michael Brown, who was killed by police officers on Aug. 9, 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri. Brown was only 18 years old when he was shot multiple times by a white police officer, Darren Wilson. Accord-

ing to the autopsy, Brown was shot six times, including twice in the head and four times in his right arm. Since Brown died, there have been 14 males shot by police officers.

In Margaret Walker's "Agenda for Action: Black Art and Letters," she talks about five major issues that she was concerned about. The five major issues are racial enmity and hatred generating violence; perpetual war dating from the beginning of the century; industrial contamination of all nature: earth, water and air; the extreme dilemma of urban life with the new controlling economy of crime and drugs; and finally, political chaos and economic collapse.

The issue that I chose that related to Walker is racial enmity and hatred generating violence. I chose this topic because although Walker wrote "Agenda for Action: Black Art and Letters" in 1972, racism still exists and fuels violence to take place in 2022. What I mean by "violence takes place" is that when two or more people have an altercation, someone who is armed will hurt or kill the other because of a racist comment that could be avoided.

For example, Trayvon Martin, who

was 17 years old, was shot and killed on Feb. 26, 2012, in Sanford, Florida while visiting his father Tracy Martin. Martin was killed by George Zimmerman, a 28-year-old mixed race Hispanic man, when the two had an argument and Martin was unarmed. Walker felt as if the white community treated the black community a certain way because it was always Blacks having to respect the whites no matter if the whites disrespected the Blacks. There are many white individuals who are very respectful and kind toward the African American community, so I cannot judge all white Americans based off of what their ancestors did. There are some white individuals who are still disrespectful because sometimes we [African Americans] are still called the "N word."

Another individual who was concerned about the same issue was Nikki Giovanni. Giovanni delivered a message about the massacre that occurred on the Virginia Tech Campus at a convocation in 2007. She wrote a poem titled, "We Are Virginia Tech" and basically, she didn't just focus on a particular race. What I mean is she gave multiple examples that concerned

different races, ethnicities and even animals such as "A child in African dying of AIDS, the invisible children walking the night away to avoid being captured by the rouge army, the baby elephant watching his community being devastated for ivory, the Mexican child looking for fresh water, the Appalachian infant killed in the middle of the night in his crib in the home his father built with his own hands being run over by a boulder because the land was destabilized." I agree with the examples that she gave, because everyday someone is going through a tragedy and they wonder why or how it occurred out of nowhere.

Something that stood out to me in her poem is when she said "We are not moving on, we are embracing our mourning." This stood out to me because when tragedies occur, individuals have no choice but to move on because there's nothing that they can do about it. With her, she would like to hold on to what happened so that it can never be forgotten. Also, I believe that she is holding on because of those who were killed so that they wouldn't be left behind and they are still in their spirits and in their minds.

Students should be given time off to vote

By **Hanadi Hariri**
Staff Reporter



Under article 326, we are given the constitutional right to vote. So shouldn't we be given the time to carry out our citizen obligation?

College students are, more often than not, at the age to be eligible to vote; however, they are not taken into

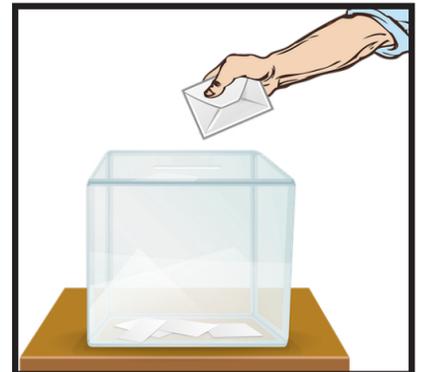
consideration during voting times. With busy college lives consisting of classes at various times and numerous side activities where attendance is required, college students have a hard time squeezing in their civic duty.

Working adults are able to leave work and attend the voting polls. Something that is supposed to be an easy thing, however, requires a tenacious effort from a full-time college student. Taking into account the fact

that it is the students' future that will be dictated by the results of these votes, they are not given the opportunity to pursue it.

Students should be given a holiday to go vote. It is their future, after all, that is at stake.

For more information regarding election and voting in Mississippi, visit <https://www.vote411.org/mississippi>.



The dangers of sex trafficking

By **Tamya Jefferson**
Staff Reporter



Sex trafficking is the process in which individuals are placed or maintained in an exploitative situation for economic gain. Human trafficking can involve women,

children (both girls and boys), or even men. Trafficking can occur within an individual's own country or across the border.

Some women and children are forced into trafficking through abduction, fraud, deception or abuse. Others go into human trafficking by choice to receive payments to provide for their family. Anyone can become a victim of sex trafficking, so it

is good to know the signs and clues for traffickers.

Traffickers don't always have a certain person that they are after, as far as sexuality, gender or race. Those who are in the most danger are those who are from poor areas and need extra money so that they can provide for their families. Those who are visiting a particular country and do

not blend in with those who are from that country can be high risk for sex trafficking also. They are high risk because they do not know what to look for and they can easily be sent off to trafficking. Additionally, they are not from that country where they can escape and go back home.



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Homecoming (Continued from Cover)

field adjacent to Ras Branch Field.

The annual Holmes Alumni Association meeting will be held at 1:45 p.m. under the alumni tent in the Homecoming tailgating area (see map for details). The pep rally will be held at

the tailgate area at 2 p.m. followed by the Holmes Community College Marching Band entering the stadium and the honorees will be recognized at 2:55 p.m. prior to the kickoff with Southwest Mississippi at 3 p.m. The

Holmes Chorale will perform the national anthem prior to kickoff and the presentation of the Homecoming Court is set for halftime.

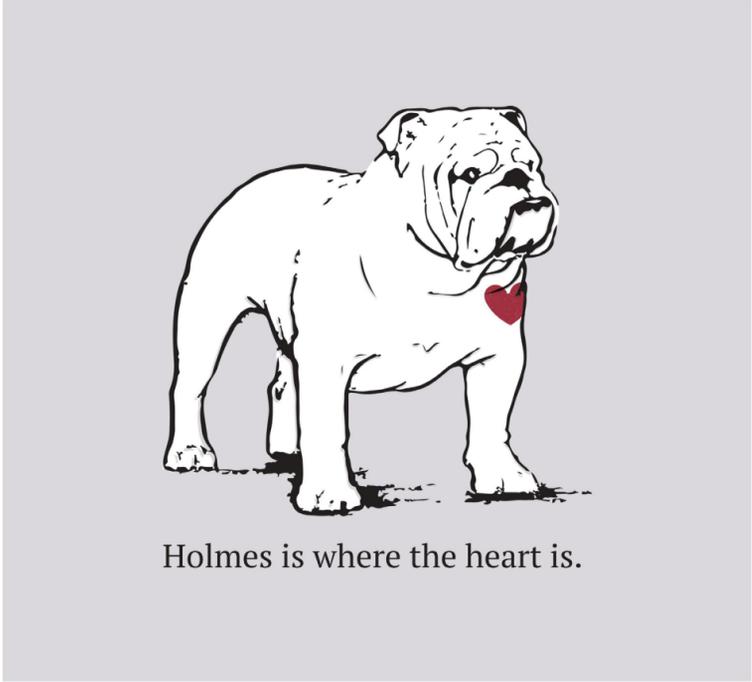
Live music performances by Laura Lindsey and East of West will follow

the pep rally and an official will be released on our Homecoming events page closer to the date of the event: <https://events.holmescc.edu/homecoming-2022/schedule/>

2022 HOMECOMING

Schedule of Events OCTOBER 27, 2022

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| <p>8:30 AM VISUAL ARTS SHOW
View a display of pieces from Holmes' Visual Arts students. The 1972 (50th) and 2002 (20th) football teams will be gathering for coffee on the main floor of the Mississippi room of McMorrough Library. Also, stop by the Makerspace to create something with our high-tech tools! 📷</p> <p>9 AM BASEBALL / SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHT
Watch as our teams hold practices. Alumni and families are encouraged to attend. 📷 & 📺</p> <p>10 AM CAREER & TRANSFER FAIR
Find your next step at our career and college transfer fair for all Holmes students in the Grove. 📍</p> <p>10 AM MAJOR'S TRUCK EXPO
Come to the Chapel parking lot to check out the big trucks that Holmes' Workforce Development programs use for training. 🚚</p> <p>10 AM HONOREE RECOGNITION
Holmes will honor recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, Alumni of the Year, Young Alumnus of the Year, and Veteran of the Year in McDaniel Auditorium. 🏆</p> <p>10 AM HOLMES DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Bring your discs! The tournament takes off with a shotgun start at Bow Wow Trail. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Holmes OPA program. Sign up using the QR code below. 🏌️‍♂️</p> <p>10:20 AM COACHMEN & CONNECTION! PERFORMANCE
Join us in McDaniel Auditorium to watch the Coachmen & the Holmes Connection! - an exciting and energetic powerhouse pop ensemble that loves entertaining on stage. 🎵</p> <p>11 AM FUN AND GAMES IN THE GROVE
Fun activities for all ages in the grove. 🎮</p> <p>11 AM LUNCH AND LIVE MUSIC
Get your fill at Carrol Cafeteria, the Lorance Student Center, or try one of the food trucks parked in the circle in front of McDaniel Hall. Enjoy live music from the Holmes Jazz Band. 🎷</p> <p>NOON BASKETBALL ALUMNI GAME
Frank Branch Coliseum livens up as former basketball players put on a show during an alumni game. 🏀</p> <p>NOON CONCERT CHORALE PERFORMANCE
The Chorale performs music from all periods and styles in the Chapel on the Hill. 🎵</p> | <p>1 PM TAILGATING EXPERIENCE
Set up a tent near the practice field! Gather your class, department, or Alumni group and tailgate with us. Feel free to unload your items until 1 p.m. then loading station will be closed. 🍷</p> <p>1:45 PM ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING
If you are an alumnus, we would love for you to join us at the Tailgate area in the Alumni Tent. 📍</p> <p>2 PM PEP RALLY AT TAILGATE AREA
Get fired up with the cheerleaders and band on the practice field as we prepare for the big game. 📣</p> <p>2:30 PM BAND ENTERS STADIUM 🎺</p> <p>2:45 PM - 4:00 PM LIVE MUSIC STARTS ON MAIN STAGE
Featuring East of West and Lauren Lindsey. 🎵</p> <p>2:45 PM HONOREES
Recognized on football field 🏆</p> <p>2:55 PM NATIONAL ANTHEM
Performed by the HCC Chorale 🎵</p> <p>3 PM KICK-OFF!
Help cheer the Bulldogs to victory! 📣</p> <p>END OF FIRST QUARTER- 1972 FOOTBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED
Special reorganization for the 1972 football team's 50th anniversary of playing under Quinby Morgan in Ras M. Branch Stadium. 🏈</p> <p>HALF-TIME- HOMECOMING COURT
Presentation of Homecoming Court and the crowning of the 2022 Homecoming Queen. 👑</p> <p>END OF THIRD QUARTER- 2002 FOOTBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED
The 2002 Holmes Community College football team will be recognized for winning the 2002 State Championship and the Region 23 Title with a 9-2 record under Coach Hugh Shurden. 🏈</p> <p>5:00 PM MAIN ACT ON THE MAIN STAGE 🎤
Holmes Community College is proud to present our main act, Mustache the Band. Delivering a powerful performance of all of the favorite country hits from the 1990s, with well over 125 songs under their buckles, you are guaranteed to have a non-stop party on your hands. 🎸</p> |
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LINKS FOR OTHER WAYS TO GIVE BACK

Asken named Distinguished Service Award Recipient

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Kay Gowan Asken is the 2022 Holmes Community College Distinguished Service Award Recipient.

Holmes Alumni Association gives out this deserving award to a committed individual who shows dedicated service to the college.

Asken, a native of McAdams, attended Holmes from 1961-1963. She is part of the 1963 alumni group that meets on a bi-annual basis and is hosted by a member of the class. She has been the secretary of the Alumni Association for the last six years and prior to that role, she was among those who were instrumental in getting the 1963 class together for their 50th class reunion.

After Holmes, Asken went to work for the University of Mississippi Athletic Association as a receptionist under the renowned John Vaught and

Tad Smith.

From 1966-1982, Asken took on the most important role of her life while her husband completed Pharmacy School at the University of Mississippi. She was a stay-at-home mother raising three children: Martin, Bob and Leta.

In 1976, Asken went back to college at Mississippi State. Following MSU, she furthered her education at Mississippi College from 1984-1985.

Asken was a committed employee of the State of Mississippi for 25 years working in several offices, in from the State Personal Board as the administrative secretary confidential to executive director, the Office of the Attorney General in the legal collection division, then serving as executive secretary to

the executive director for Mississippi Public Broadcasting and last serving at Jo Lesley State Veterans Holmes as a Veterans Service Officer.

Asken's other career experience includes serving as a legal secretary for Morgan & Morgan of Kosciusko (1980-1983), Daniel, Coker, Norton and Bell (1983-1984) and Timothy Gowan (1987-1988).

Asken was involved in the Winona Junior Auxiliary and the Winona Garden Club as a member for 10 years and served as president for two years.

Asken resides in Sallis and has five grandchildren: Mathew Bozone (32), Cathryn Bozone (29), Erin Bozone (29), Sadie Bryan (18) and Sophie Bryan (15).

Starling honored as Holmes Alumnus of the Year

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College will honor Derek Starling, Sr. of Madison as the 2022 Alumnus of the Year. This is among one of the college's highest alumni honors. Starling is the Alumni Association's outgoing president; he served the college for a two-year term and prior to that role he served two years as vice president.

Starling will be awarded this honor during a presentation in McDaniel Hall Auditorium on Oct. 27. The presentation will be part of Holmes' Homecoming festivities and Starling will also be recognized on the field prior to

the game against Southwest Mississippi Community College.

A graduate of Canton High School, he played men's varsity basketball under Coach Bennie Kimble from 1984-1986. During his time as a Bulldog, Starling, the team captain, was named to the All-Region 23 Team, MJCAA All-State and chosen to play in the MJCAA All-Star game. Other accolades he received included the Academic Award, the Sportsmanship Award, the Ras Branch Award and the Bulldog Award. In 2017, he was inducted into the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame for his

basketball accomplishments.

Outside of basketball, Starling was president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Hall of Fame inductee, an honor student and on the Homecoming Court in 1985. He was not the only Starling child who attended Holmes his sister, Diane Starling Jackson, and his brother, Dwayne Starling, are Holmes alumni, as well.

Starling recalls many fond memories from his time as a Bulldog.

"I was very fond of calculus class

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with Mr. Bogan and drafting class with Mr. Miles,” Starling said. “I also had great memories of the quotes from Coach Kimble. By playing basketball at Holmes, we were able to travel to the far reaches of this great state and meet some wonderful people, all while being great ambassadors for this great college. Finally, I remember all the evenings we spent sitting outside all over the campus.”

Upon graduation from Holmes, he attended Mississippi State University and earned his bachelor’s in industrial and systems engineering with a minor in mathematics. Starling’s basketball career ended in the fall of 1986 while at MSU, due to a knee injury. Today, he is the owner and principal of SOL Engineering Services, headquartered in Jackson. Prior to owning SOL Engineering, he served as corporate

director of quality and enterprise resource planning at Proliance, Inc., in New Haven, Connecticut. He has also worked as vice president of Magnolia Management Group and as quality section manager of Baxter Healthcare, Inc.

Some of the honors that Starling has received include: Small Business Administration’s Mississippi Business Person of the Year (2015); member-

ship on the Canton School Board for 17 years, eight of which he served as chairman; MSU Department of Industrial & System Engineering Advisory Board member (2018-present); inducted as a fellow into the society of American Military Engineers (2022) and lifetime member of the Holmes Alumni Association.

Starling and his wife, Daphenia, have one son, Derek, who is 16.

Maj. Gen. William J. Lutz named Veteran of the Year

From Staff Reports/Photos



Major General William J. Lutz will be recognized for his service in the United States Air Force and the Mississippi Air National Guard at Holmes Community College on Oct. 27 in Goodman.

Maj. Gen. Lutz, a Madison County native, retired with 38 years of service. In 1968, he graduated from Mississippi State University and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The same year, Maj. Gen. Lutz entered the U.S. Air Force Pilot Training School at Webb Air Force Base in Texas and continued on with forward air control training in the summer of 1969. He was called to Vietnam in August of 1969 as a for-

ward air controller.

From 1970-1975, Maj. Gen. Lutz continued to serve in the Air Force in several different capacities in the Special Wing Operations as a fighter pilot. The next several years he was promoted to the Air Ground Operation School instructor.

Continuing to follow his love of flying, he joined the Mississippi Air National Guard 172nd Airlift Wing as C-130 pilot then a C-141 pilot and retired in 2006 from the Air Force with a rank of Major General as Assistant Adjutant General and Commander MS ANG. His command pilot experience totals more than 8,000 flying hours including over 900 combat missions

and 1950 combat hours.

Maj. Gen. Lutz furthered his degree in 1982 when he graduated from Mississippi College Law School and continued to serve, completing Air Command and Staff College in 1985 in Maxwell Air Force Base and National Security Management, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., 1989.

Maj. Gen. Lutz and his wife, Betty, reside in Ridgeland. He served as the Chancery Judge for Holmes, Leake, Madison and Yazoo counties for 11 years (1995-2006) and currently serves as the Senior Status Mississippi Trial-Judge.

Taylor Cain Bishop named Young Alumnus of the Year

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College 2022 Young Alumnus of the Year recipient is Taylor Cain Bishop.

Bishop, a native of Sallis, attended high school at Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington and graduated from Holmes in 2014. While attending Holmes, Bishop was valedictorian, a Hall of Fame inductee, Math Award recipient, vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, an active member of Holmes Plus and an Ambassador.

In 2016, Bishop earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Mississippi. While Bishop was attending Ole Miss, he was a Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society Member and a Lyceum Scholarship recipient.

After college, Bishop went to work for Hunter Engineering Company in Durant as a production supervisor and quality engineer. Currently, Bishop works as a plant engineer at Entergy

in the Attala Power Generation Plant. He has served as an interim physics instructor at Holmes for Jim Shirley was out on medical leave.

Bishop is the son of Melanie and Cliff Bishop of Sallis and attends Sallis Baptist Church.

Homecoming is almost here

By Autumn Drake
Staff Reporter



Holmes Community College goes all out for Homecoming. There’s a game, halftime, Homecoming court, food, community and so much more. The stu-

dents, faculty and community members on the Holmes Goodman Campus have been counting down the days to Oct. 27 when everyone gathers for the big event.

Most everyone at Holmes has been spending weeks preparing to house and entertain all the people coming to the game. I am a part of the marching band on campus and the entire band has come together to practice to play the best we can during halftime and in the stands during the game. I also work in the library on campus and all of the staff has reserved the entire day of Homecoming to cater to the crowds coming in.

It’s not just about the game or halftime though. Last week was voting for the Homecoming court. Many girls

spent a lot of time campaigning for students’ votes, giving out candy and making posters. Their hard work paid off when the results of the vote were sent out the next day. A student here on campus, Abigail Edge, was voted queen and there were other maids for each class and student body.

Overall Homecoming is an opportunity for the campus to come together. All the students, faculty and even community members come together and participate in all the Homecoming plans.



2022 Homecoming Queen and Maids Announced

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is the 2022 Homecoming Queen and the Goodman Campus Homecoming Maids. They are (left to right) **Freshman Maid Mason Boyette, Sophomore Maid Hanadi Hariri, Student Body Maid Aasjahla Garron, Homecoming Queen Abigail Edge, Sophomore Maid Livi Howell and Freshman Maid Mackenzie Ward.**



Pictured are the 2022 Grenada Campus Homecoming Maids. They are (left to right) **Freshman Maid Ashlyn Gillespie, Freshman Maid Avery Lowery, Student Body Maid Allie Williamson, Sophomore Maid Karlee Luke and Sophomore Maid Madison Odom.**



Pictured are the 2022 Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Maids. They are (left to right) **Freshman Maid Kennedy Manning, Freshman Maid Jamaiya Williams, Student Body Maid Olasike Olagbegi, Sophomore Maid Arian Felton and Sophomore Maid Morghan McDonald.**

Holmes Community College announced the 2022 Homecoming Queen and the Maids.

The Homecoming Maid is Abigail Edge of Vaughan. Goodman Campus court members include Student Body Maid Aasjahla Garron of Winona, Sophomore Maid Hanadi Hariri of Sallis, Sophomore Maid Livi Howell of Coxburg, Freshman Maid Mason Boyette of Carmack and Freshman Maid Mackenzie Ward of Durant.

Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Maids are as follows: Student Body Maid Olasike Olagbegi of Jackson, Sophomore Maid Arian Felton of Madison, Sophomore Maid Morghan McDonald of Madison, Freshman Maid Kennedy Manning of Brandon and Freshman Maid Jamaiya Williams of Canton.

Finally, Grenada Campus Maids are Student Body Maid Allie Williamson of Scobey; Sophomore Maid Karlee Luke of Eupora; Sophomore Maid Madison Odom of Kosciusko; Freshman Maid Ashlyn Gillespie of Greenwood and Freshman Maid Avery Lowery of Winona.

Goodman Queen and Maids

Abigail Edge, daughter of Heather and David Edge, is an elementary education major. She is a member of the Holmes Connection!, Coachmen Singers, Holmes Chorale, the Baptist Student Union and Phi Theta Kappa. Off campus, Edge works at Ace of Grace boutique on the Canton Square and she choreographs for her high school show choir. She also guest performs at local churches and high schools around her hometown. Additionally, during the summer, Edge works at Summer-Show Offs where she helps young children find their confidence through singing and dancing.

A few of Edge's hobbies include traveling around the United States, spending time with her family and friends, cooking and trying new recipes, singing, taking an occasional dance class and going shopping with her mom and sister. After Holmes, she will transfer to the University of Mississippi to continue pursuing a degree in elementary education. After college, Edge plans to teach first grade and hopes to continue living in Oxford. Edge will be escorted by Reese Smith of Baton Rouge,

Louisiana.

Aasjahla Garron, daughter of Tina and Dennis Garron, is a pre-physical therapy/kinesiology member. She is a member of the Holmes Cheerleading team and Phi Theta Kappa. Garron is a member of Pleasant Hill MB Church, as well. She enjoys helping out the former high school sports teams on the weekends, spending time with family and friends and sleeping. After graduation from Holmes, she plans to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi, where she plans to cheer. Her goal is to get into PTA school. Garron will be escorted by Braylen Albritton of Kosciusko.

Hanadi Hariri, daughter of Afaf Mashrah and Abdulkader Hariri, is a pre-nursing major. She is a member of the Growl newspaper staff, Phi Theta Kappa and the Social and Behavior Science Honor Class. She is employed as a work-study in McMorrough Library and as a babysitter and tutor off campus. In her free time, Hariri enjoys knitting, reading and baking. Her long-term goal is to work for the Red Cross as a nurse. Hariri will be escorted by Justin Jenkins of Ackerman.

Livi Howell, daughter of Tara and Scott Howell, is a communications major. She is part of the Bulldog cheerleading team. Howell is a member of First Baptist of Yazoo City and a volunteer for Lexington Food Pantry, as well. Her hobbies include riding horses and taking on roles as a background actress. Upon graduation from Holmes, Howell plans to transfer to Mississippi State University. She will be escorted by Hunter Barron of Yazoo City.

Mason Boyette, daughter of Janell and Shane Boyette, is a pre-nursing major. She is active on campus as an Ambassador. Boyette enjoys spending lots of time with her fiancé, family and friends. She plans to become a postpartum nurse or a labor and delivery nurse. Boyette will be escorted by Walker Floyd of Brandon.

Mackenzie Ward, daughter of Casey and Leo Ward, is a pre-nursing major. On campus, she is active as an Ambassador and member of Phi Theta Kappa. Ward is active in her community volunteering at the Lexington animal shelter and working at a seafood restaurant on the weekends. She also babysits during the week. In her free time, Ward enjoys watching football

games, taking afternoon naps and hanging out with friends. She plans to enroll in the Associate Degree Nursing program in January after finishing her prerequisites and later plans to take online classes to obtain her BSN. Ward will be escorted by Matthew Reed of Madison.

Ridgeland Maids

Olasike Olagbegi, daughter of Miriam and Juwon Olagbegi, is a pre-med major who is active on campus. She is an Ambassador as well as president of Student Government Association. Off campus, she sings in her church choir at Refuge Temple Church.

In addition, Olagbegi and her family have a non-profit organization called Abraham's Table. Abraham's Table was established in August of 2021 when her little brother (Abraham) was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder that changed his life forever. Abraham's Table began when the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted him a wish of his choice. Out of anything in the world that he could have chosen, Abraham decided to continue to feed the homeless (something the Olagbegi's had always done as a family, before his condition).

"Although this unfortunate circumstance happened to my family, God used our story to show His glory!" Olagbegi said. "My family and I go out to Poindexter Park every third Saturday and we feed, sing and minister to the homeless. It is truly amazing to see their big smiles and gratitude. As my brother would say, 'It is a blessing to be a blessing!'"

In her free time, Olagbegi likes to read her Bible, hang out with friends and go to the beach. After graduation from Holmes, she plans to further her education at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her long-term goal is to attend medical school and pursue her dream of becoming an OB-GYN. Olagbegi will be escorted by Jaylen Grays of Jackson.

"While on my path toward my goals, I plan to grow God's kingdom by drawing more people to Christ and by helping Abraham's Table prosper," Olagbegi said.

Arian Felton, daughter of Monique Moore, Johnny Winston and Edwin Felton, is a business administration major. At Holmes, she is Student Government Association secretary-treasurer and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Off campus, she is an Amazon influencer and Shein ambassador. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping and playing with her dog. Upon graduation from Holmes, Felton plans to attend Jackson State University and major in business administration. She plans to become a realtor. Felton will be escorted by Jordan Holly of Clinton.

Morghan McDonald, daughter of Mahalia McDonald and Larry Kennedy, Sr., is a criminal justice major. She is a member of the Student Government Association on campus. McDonald is also a member of Mt. Center Baptist Church where she participates in the youth department, youth choir and usher ministry. She is also the Sunday school secretary. McDonald works at the Chick-fil-A in Madison, where she

serves as a training champion. She volunteers at the Madison County Library, as well. In her free time, McDonald enjoys dressing up and going out with her friends, hanging out with family and watching Netflix documentaries. She is also teaching herself Chinese on the side.

McDonald plans to graduate early from Holmes in December 2022. She has not chosen a college yet, but will transfer to a four-year college in January. Once that college is chosen, she will continue to pursue her ultimate goal of earning a doctorate in criminology. Her final goal is to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigations in the Behavioral Analysis Unit. McDonald will be escorted by Jaylon Boarden of Ridgeland.

Kennedy Manning, daughter of Samantha and Mark Manning, is a pre-nursing major. Manning is a Holmes Ambassador and is employed as a personal assistant at an accounting firm in Flowood. Some of her hobbies include watching TikToks, tanning and visiting her best friend in Starkville. Upon graduation from Holmes, Manning plans to apply to nursing school with the goal of becoming a travel nurse who travels/works across the country. She will be escorted by Tommy Jacobs of Brandon.

Jamaiya Williams, daughter of Shameka Williams and Edward Williams, is a general studies major. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, getting manicures/pedicures and going to the Reservoir. Her long-term goal is to move out of state and open a medical clinic one day. Williams will be escorted by Sean Jordan of Byram.

Grenada Maids

Allie Williamson, daughter of Audrey and Bart Williamson, is part of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. She is vice president of the ADN Class of 2024 and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is a member of Zion Grove Church and in her free time, she hangs out with her boyfriend and studies. After graduating from Holmes, Williamson plans to obtain employment as a nurse at a medical spa or dermatology clinic. She will be escorted by Phillip Crawford of Grenada.

Karlee Luke, daughter of the late Stephanie McCool, is a pre-nursing major. She is active on campus as Phi Theta Kappa president, an Ambassador, a member of Student Government Association and as a member of Baptist Student Union. She was also the recipient of the Fine Arts Award her freshman year. Luke plans to enroll in the Holmes ADN program upon finishing her prerequisite classes.

Off campus, Luke is a member of Tomnolen Baptist Church, where she helps with Operation Christmas Child and the annual Hope Outdoors banquet each year. On the weekends, Luke serves as a waitress for a local restaurant in Tomnolen. In her free time, she enjoys going on vacation and spending time with family and friends. Luke will be escorted by Andy Cooper of Walthall.

Madison Odom, daughter of Melanie and Charles Odom, is in the ADN pro-

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gram where she serves as class president. After graduating, her plans are to become a pediatric nurse with hopes to specialize in pediatric oncology. Odom plans to further her education at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and obtain her bachelor's, as well as her master's, and become a nurse practitioner.

Odom is a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church where she serves in the choir and keeps the nursery. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and her fiancé, loving on her dog Sckamper, riding the four-wheeler, listening to music in the

car and making memories with her nieces, Layla and Charlie. Odom will be escorted by Webb Roberts of Duck Hill.

Ashlyn Gillespie, daughter of Velvet and George Gillespie, is a pre-veterinary major. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Gillespie loves to spend most weekdays working and traveling with Pillow Academy's volleyball team running stats and doing the books. Throughout the week, she works at Pillow Academy's Homework Express with students 4K through 6th grade. She also attends First Baptist

Church of Greenwood. Upon graduating from Holmes, Gillespie plans to attend Mississippi State University where she will major in veterinary medical technology specializing in clinical medicine and infectious diseases. In the future, she hopes to run her own practice. She will be escorted by Baker Avant of Carrollton.

Avery Lowery, daughter of Sheila and Steven Lowery, is a dental hygiene major. On campus, she is an Ambassador and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Her hobbies include learning photography, hanging out with friends and family, going on

vacations, shopping, painting and going to Starkville. Lowery also attends New Bethel Baptist Church. After graduating from Holmes, she plans to attend University of Mississippi Medical Center, earn a degree in dental hygiene, then further her education and study dentistry at UMMC. Lowery will be escorted by Eli Black of Grenada.

The queen and her court will be presented during halftime of the Bulldogs' Homecoming Game against Southwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, Oct. 27, in Goodman.

Ridgeland Practical Nursing holds Culture Fest 2022

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Ridgeland Campus Holmes Community College Practical Nursing program held Culture Fest 2022 on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. The students were divided into groups and each group researched a different culture. The students prepared and served food from their assigned culture and presented on health issues in that particular culture, as well. The PN program is instructed by Dr. Lake-sia Sutton and Heather Roberts.



(left) The Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing students who presented on the Muslim culture included (left to right) **Victoria Rushton, Kalyn Carter, Cortlyn Norris, Shea Harris, Gracie Johnson and Kimberly Rushing.**



The Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing students who presented on the Southern U.S.A. culture included (left to right) **Marian Burns-McCay, Robin Liddell, Marneisha Moore, Demya Watson, Ariana McDonald and Destiney Cavett.**



The Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing students who presented on the Mexican culture included (left to right) **Nia Moore, Hayden Myrick, DeAnna Shoulders, Jayla White, Ayanna Wells and Ronzetta Nelson.**



The Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing students who presented on the Chinese culture included (left to right) **Amber Haggie, Brianna Chapman, Ikeyonia Davidson, U'Kilah McKinley and Kimberly Harris.**



The Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing students who presented on the Italian culture included (left to right) **Brian Burrough, Shontell Durr, Cam Gray, Colton Alexander and Alexandria Cyrus.**

Holmes students successfully test and obtain their CDL

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College held a CDL Class A permit prep class from Oct. 4-7. The course consisted of theory, behind the wheel – range and behind the wheel – public road. All participants successfully tested and obtained their CDL. Joe Robinson instructed students in Goodman, Rodney Mainelli instructed students at the Attala Center in Kosciusko and Randall Granderson was the Yazoo location instructor. For more information about Holmes' CDL program, contact Kim Fowler at kfowler@holmescc.edu.



Pictured are **Clein Bailey and Cade Nabors.** Not pictured: Rodney Mainelli (instructor for the Attala Center).



Pictured are **Blane Wedgeworth and Joe Robinson** (instructor for the Goodman CDL program).



Pictured are **Carl Fleming and Randall Granderson** (instructor for the Holmes Yazoo location).

SFC Miller awarded Meritorious Service Medal

From Staff Reports/Photos



SFC Terry Miller, director of bands for Holmes Community College was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding performances, leadership and teaching within the unit. SFC Miller continues to be a highly sought out performer and jazz educator in Mississippi, and is an invaluable Soldier in the unit.

Miller is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band in Cherry Pt NC, the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band in Okinawa, Japan and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band in 29 Palms, California. Sergeant First

Class Miller is currently a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard, and directs the Magnolia Blues, the large jazz ensemble of the 41st Army Band. His military decorations include the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Prior to coming to Holmes, SFC Miller taught both high school and middle school bands for 18 years, most notably at Madison Central High School, where his students earned many awards for superior music performance during his time as an assistant director there.

OTA students collect supplies for We Will Go ministries

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program, housed on the Ridgeland Campus, collected supplies for We Will Go ministries and delivered them on Sept. 22. We Will Go ministries was founded by David and Amy Lancaster in 2005.

The non-profit has three main programs: Education, Essential Food and Camp Hope. The Education Programs provides children in Jackson Public Schools with after-school care. The We Will Feed program provides a food pantry where they give away bags of groceries to families in the community who need a little help getting through the month while also providing hygiene items and other seasonal essentials. Camp Hope is a week-long day camp that runs in the summer. It aids in all forms of learning, enrichment activities, mentorship, literacy lessons, swimming and field trips.

Holmes students successfully test and obtain their CDL

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus Electrical Linemen program wrapped up their most recent cohort on Tuesday, Oct. 18 with 100 percent employment. The newest class included Colin Arnold, Zytavia Ball, Cole Campbell, Ethan Dawson, Joel Ellis, Hayden Franklin, Jase Grantham, MilDerion Harris, Heath McBride, Tyler Robertson, Jason Smith and Dusty Thomas. The class was instructed by Lamar Dumas and Bull McBride.

The 16-week electrical linemen program at Holmes was established in 2008. Participants will complete 608 clock hours and the classes that are taught include: CPR/First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens, Chainsaw Safety, Employability Skills, Truck Driving, Pole Climbing, Protective Grounding, Underground, Bucket Truck Rescue and Basic Electricity. Spots for the July 2023 class are now open.

For more information, visit <https://www.holmescc.edu/workforce/programs/lineman.aspx>.

Holmes students successfully test and obtain their CDL

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (front, far left) Holmes multimedia specialist **Morgan Bondurant** and Holmes graphic designer **Stephanie Wood** with the Digital Media Technology students at Madison Career and Technical Center.

On Friday, Sept. 23, two members of Holmes Community College's Marketing and Recruiting Department - Morgan Bondurant and Stephanie Wood - spoke to Digital Media Technology students at the Madison Career and Technical Center. They described what a typical day is like for graphic designers, how to build a brand and what is required of professional artists.

Madison Career and Technical

Center offers the students of German-town High, Madison Central High, Ridgeland High, Rosa Scott High School and Velma Jackson High a variety of Career Technical Education program options. These classes prepare and test students for certifications to be graphic designers, pharmacy techs, construction technology specialists and automobile technicians, among other programs.

Students learn about Ridgeland Campus student organizations

By Elijah Mangum
Staff Reporter



Holmes Community College held their annual Student Organization Fair at the Ridgeland Campus on Tuesday. Students gathered in the courtyard area to learn more about ways to get involved on campus. The student organizations represented included Phi Theta Kappa, Holmes Publications, Intramural Sports, Holmes Soccer, OTA, Student Nursing Organization, STEM Club and The National Guard. “We want our students to find a place

where they can be comfortable or maybe even expand outside of their comfort zone, and learn a little bit about a different group of students or organizations that they can be involved in,” said Student Activities Coordinator Amanda Lindsey. “They can really connect, build on resumes, build on experiences and have some fellowship and fun along the way.”

Phi Theta Kappa Officer Garrett Viator was thankful to have the opportunity to spread awareness through the honors program’s booth.

“We want kids to see what we’re doing, see the prestigiousness of the Phi Theta Kappa organization and be inspired to strive academically,” Viator said.



Meet Goodman Campus Head Librarian Daniel Shemwell

By Hanadi Hariri
Staff Reporter



As you step into McMorrough Library, the first thing you notice is the front desk. It is in the center of view of a guest and behind it, often, the Head Librarian, Daniel Shemwell, will be standing there. He could be doing various tasks, from helping a student figure out how to print an assignment to aiding a professor in various tasks. Shemwell is the heart of McMorrough Library, found on the Goodman Campus, the main campus out of two more (Ridgeland and Grenada).

Shemwell is well-spoken, matched well with his earnest tone. He is accommodating and attentive to those around him, a necessary personality trait considering the setting of his work. When asked to be interviewed to be a source in the student newspaper The Growl, Shemwell was amiable in his willingness, quick to provide a suitable time to oblige the interviewee.

The role of Shemwell as head librarian varies in type, from providing user services to helping connect the students and staff to the information

they need, to ordering, cataloging and preparing materials. Shemwell mentioned that “while typical four-year universities have specialized librarians to work with thousands of students as opposed to a couple of thousands in a community college . . . here I do every aspect of the library [work] except for acquisitions.” Not only that, Shemwell also plays a major part in maintaining the library databases and supervising the work-study students.

There are many students that are looking to work as a librarian, and when Shemwell was asked if there was any advice, he would like to share he replied that, “My best advice is that you find a school that is accredited . . . One that offers a wide variety of things. You need to find a field that will teach you how to catalog and how to use metadata . . . Many schools don’t focus on that aspect.” While school librarians are the only type to be required to obtain a certificate in Mississippi (Mississippi Librarian Certification, n.d.), the educational requirement of a master’s degree in library and information science is necessary for entry-level positions.

McMorrough Library tends to change its theme with the campus events and holidays. Shemwell was

asked how the library and staff work around it.

“Well we usually plan everything with it,” Shemwell said. “For most of our events, we plan to involve the library and/or our students. Our Christmas tree that we put up we try to get students to come and hang stuff if they wanted. For Halloween, we tend to have a trick-or-treat [activity]. We don’t try to plan around holidays, we try to plan into them.”

Not only does the library fix its schedule around different celebrations, it also hosts different events. Shemwell in particular mentioned that this year the library has a “Civil War event planned . . . there will be speakers and things like that . . . there are a lot of things that we like to do that involve our students.” Just the preceding semester in the spring, the library helped host an open lecture for Humanities Teacher Award winner Lashonda Levy entitled “Beauty and Poise: Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance.”

Aside from the huge catalog of books, movies and video games that the library offers, there is a certain space in the back of the library commonly known as ‘The Makerspace’ where Shemwell and his work-study students work on 3D and laser print-



Daniel Shemwell

ers as well as illuminators and various tools to create whatever the campus and community might need. When asked what Shemwell would like to say to our dear readers, he courteously replied “Come use the library! We are here to help.”

The library hours for the Goodman, Grenada and Ridgeland campuses are: Monday-Wednesday 7:30 am to 6 p.m. Thursday: 7:30-5 p.m. Friday: Virtual

Tutoring opportunities for Holmes students in the Writing Center

By Elijah Mangum
Staff Reporter



The Writing Center is now open for all Holmes students at the Ridgeland, Goodman and Grenada campuses. “The students can come here at any stage of their writing process for any writing related assignment that they have,” said Writing Center coordinator Dr. Stacey Coulter. “We like to work with students of all levels. If you’re a student who struggles with writing, we can help you with that. If you’re excellent writer and you need another set of eyes on your work, which I think everyone does, we can help you with that as well.”

According to Dr. Coulter, appointments can be scheduled through WConline. Links and QR codes can be found at various locations across campus. For

in-person appointments, students will meet with a peer tutor at their campus’ Writing Center location. There are two e-tutoring options including a video call through WConline or students can attach a draft before a peer tutor sends it back to them with feedback.

Ashlyn Lucas is a first semester peer tutor who believes the relatability of peer tutoring is important to helping students with their writing.

“It is a more casual setting to talk to a peer when you’re not in class or not on the professor’s time. You can just sit down, have a discussion and it’s easier to communicate with one another as students,” Lucas said.

In Ridgeland, the Writing Center is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:30-3 p.m. and Thursday from noon-3 p.m. In Goodman, the hours are from 8-9 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. In Grenada, the hours are Monday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday from 11 a.m.- noon and 1:30- 4



Pictured are (left to right) Holmes students Ashlyn Lucas and Mary Nguyen working in the Writing Center.

p.m., Wednesday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4 p.m. Additional virtual hours are available

Monday through Friday.

To sign up for a writing center session, visit <https://holmescc.mywconline.com/>.

Holmes recognizes faculty, staff for years of service during Opening Convocation

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, Holmes Community College celebrated the upcoming school year with an Opening Convocation on the Goodman Campus.

The day began with a breakfast social, complete with specialty coffee/breakfast drinks from The Sip. Once gathered in the coliseum, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey gave an address on the state of the college, introduced new employees and recognized employees who have reached five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service with the college. Faculty, staff and administration also enjoyed a motivational speech/presentation by Certified Professional Speaker Dr. Samuel Jones before breaking for lunch and departmental meetings.



(right to left) Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey recognizes Linda Alexander-Jones for 30 years of service.



(left to right) Tish Stewart, Susie Jackson and Lindy McCain were recognized for 25 years of service with Holmes.



The employees recognized for 20 years of service were *(front row, left to right)* Leslie Spell, Wendy Grace, Gloria Benson, Yoshika Stingley, *(back row, left to right)* Michael Pawlik, Casey McDaniel, Mary Leigh Pool and Larry Morgan.



The employees recognized for 15 years of service were *(front row, left to right)* Steve Deaton, Stephanie Blue, Dana Nichols, Wesley Lepard, Mike Yates, Roy McDonald, David Powell, Albert Gibson, *(middle row, left to right)* Ginger Meriwether, Angie Burrell, Amanda Lindsey, Tracey Herring, Heather Guest, Allison DeWeese, Rachel Bickerstaff, Rosemary Self, Jeremy Floyd, *(back row, left to right)* Derrick Rainey, Makeaba Latiker, Gwendolyn Lordeon, Slade Redwine, Julia Brown, Craig Kirkendall and Randy Hutchison. *Not pictured:* Ella Sago.



The employees recognized for 10 years of service were *(front row, left to right)* Chad Carpenter, Emily Bennett, Ashley Broyles, Brandy Culpepper, Chanda Sykes, Kevin Lepard, *(back row, left to right)* Chad Moorner, Steven Tiller, Laura Canard, Brian Simmons and Frank Edwards. *Not pictured:* Jeanette Dawson, Mary Thomas-Haralson and Sherry Weeks.



The Holmes employees recognized for five years of service with the college included: *(front row, left to right)* Brenda Dorris, Deandra Gibson, Virginia Hart, Lovie Rodela, *(back row, left to right)* James Self, Barry Blackstock and Nathan Ewell. *Not pictured:* James Caldwell.

Dr. Lawrence selected as a 2022 Moody Institute Fellow

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Tonya Lawrence, Holmes Community College's Dean of Academic Programs, was selected as a 2022 Moody Institute Fellow. The Mississippi Community College Foundation and the Moody Institute Trust Fund Board

selected Dr. Lawrence along with Christy Ferguson from East Central Community College, Stephanie Greer from Southwest Mississippi Community College and Erin Harrington from Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Dr. Lawrence first came to Holmes in 2005 as a biological sciences instructor. In 2009, she was named director of evening and weekend programs; a role she held for two years before her promotion to academic dean. Among her many accolades, she has been named a Lamplighter for Holmes, which means she was chosen to represent the college at the annual conference hosted by the Mississippi Community/Junior College Academic Dean's Association. The Lamplighter Conference recognizes and rewards effective instructors and gives them the opportunity to share

those teaching techniques with one another. Additionally, Dr. Lawrence received the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award in 2019, which is given to college vice presidents, deans or directors who have demonstrated a strong level of support for the honor society.

Dr. Lawrence earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University in May of 2017. Previously, she obtained a master's degree in biology teacher education from The University of Southern Mississippi and an Associate of Arts majoring in pre-physical therapy from Jones County Junior College. She has been married to Will Lawrence since 2000 and they have a daughter, Cameron Grace, who is going into second grade at Madison Ridgeland Academy. They

attend First Baptist in Flora where they teach a seventh-12th grade Life Group, among other things. She and her family enjoy making much of Jesus.

The Moody Institute Trust Fund was established in 1990 in honor of Dr. George V. Moody, the first executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The purpose of the Moody Institute is to provide funds for enrichment experiences for faculty members employed in Mississippi's public community and junior colleges.

For more information on the Moody Institute Trust Fund, visit <https://mccfms.org/moody-institute-trust-fund/>.

For more information on Holmes Community College, visit www.holmescc.edu.

Library staff and work-study students attend STEM Fest

By Hanadi Hariri
Staff Reporter



On Friday, Sept. 16, the library staff of McMorrough Library from Holmes Community College and its work-study students attended the Mississippi Science Fest in the Children's Museum in Jackson.

The children learn about STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) from various representatives from different facilities and schools.

The fest strives to promote careers focused on STEM, by providing information to the attendees.

The staff of McMorrough Library and its work-study students showed the visitors the library's 3D printers; the 3D printers were printing various things such as animals and objects. They also taught the visitors how to build a catapult out of Popsicle sticks, rubber bands and spoons.

To learn more about Mississippi Science Fest, visit <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/parent-community-resources/mississippi-science-fest/>.



Audra Dean hired as full-time instructor in Goodman

From Staff Reports/Photos



Audra Dean of Kosciusko has returned to the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus as an

accounting, economics and business instructor. She originally worked for the college from 1990-2004, serving in a number of roles over the years. She served as director of distance learning, as chairman of the Business Administration Department, as an instructor (both face-to-face and online), as cheerleader coach and as the women's tennis coach.

Dean returns to Holmes with over 31 years of experience in community college instruction and administration in both the public and for-profit sectors. Most recently, Dean served as the assistant executive director for academic & student affairs for the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) in Jackson. Prior to her most recent position, Dean served as assis-

tant executive director for eLearning & instructional technology at MCCB. She also served as president of Antonelli College Online, and owned and operated Creative Occasions Catering Company in Goodman before she ventured into the field of higher education.

Dean holds a bachelor's and master's degree in accountancy from the University of Mississippi and has completed graduate work in economics at the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. She also holds a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration (ABD status) from Delta State University.

Dean is part of the Mississippi Higher Education in Prison Consortium Steering Committee, a member of the Education Achievement Council, a

member of Women in Higher Education Mississippi Network, served on the Mississippi Governor's Education Human Capital Task Force from 2020-2021, serves as a commissioner for the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation (MCCA) and was a founding member of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy Alumni Association, just to name a few of her professional affiliations.

In her free time, she enjoys yard work and entertaining. She has three children: Sidney Kimble, intramural and fitness center coordinator on the Holmes Goodman Campus; Meredith Dean, a freshman at Holmes in Goodman and Clark Dean, a junior at Mississippi State University.

Dr. Mackey named vice president for compliance and institutional research

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Teresa Mackey is joining the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus as vice president for compliance and institutional research.

A Mississippi State University alumna, she holds three degrees: a Doctor of Philosophy in Community College Leadership, a Master of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. She is also a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy.

Dr. Mackey has an extensive background in the field of higher education. Prior to Holmes, she was employed with East Central Community College for 10 years as vice president for

instruction, and she has served as an adjunct mathematics instructor for Jackson State University since 2014. Before East Central, she worked for East Mississippi Community College for 12 years, holding the roles of associate dean of instruction, mathematics instructor and Phi Theta Kappa honor society advisor. Dr. Mackey also held several positions at MSU while earning her degrees, including office assistant/program counselor, developmental mathematics lab instructor, graduate assistant, assistant MAMP site coordinator, interim MAMP site coordinator and MSU/IMAGE Summer Bridge Program coordinator.

Additionally, she is a member of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Mississippi State University Department of Educational Leadership Advisory Board, the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and volunteers with the American Cancer Society, as well. Dr. Mackey and her husband, Dr. Shawn Mackey, reside in Madison and have three children: Christopher, Shawn Jr. and Matthew. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with her family.

"I'm passionate about the community college system and our ability to take students where they are and prepare them for the next step in their life journey," Dr. Mackey said.

Holmes alumna Chelsea Mims named Grenada ADN instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Chelsea Mims has joined the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus faculty as an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) instructor.

Mims was previously a nurse for 10 years with the majority of her nursing career spent at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Vascular

Access Center in Interventional Radiology. She is a Holmes alumna; Mims completed the Holmes ADN program before earning her BSN from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Mims is married to Troye and they have a 2-year-old daughter named

Sophie. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and doing anything outdoors.

Peter Hindman joins Ridgeland faculty as HVAC instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Peter Hindman will join the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus faculty as a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) instructor in August. He is coming to Holmes after working at Yates Services for five years.

Hindman holds an associate degree in HVAC Technology from Hinds Community College. Outside of work, he serves as an operator for One Time

Disc Golf, which is a volunteer organization that promotes the sport of disc golf through running tournaments. He also enjoys hunting, fishing and playing disc golf himself.

Hindman and his wife, Anna, have two sons: Peter (4) and Bennett (1.5).

“I am looking forward to joining the Holmes CC faculty,” Hindman said. “Having the HVAC program in Ridgeland is going to be great for this

area and I am excited to be a part of its success.”

Leslie Spell named Goodman Campus career tech counselor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Leslie Spell has been named the new career technical education counselor on the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus. She previously served as a recruiting specialist for the college.

A native of Lexington, Spell is a Holmes alumna who earned an Associate of Arts degree before transferring to Belhaven University. She earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Belhaven followed by a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from Jackson State University. Spell is

currently pursuing her Ed.D. in higher education from the University of Mississippi.

Spell has cultivated a diverse knowledge in higher education as a result of teaching, recruiting and counseling for the past 20 years on the Holmes Goodman Campus. Prior to her role as a recruiting specialist, she served as an academic counselor and taught Leadership and Communication Skills as well as General Psychology.

Spell is affiliated with various pro-

fessional organizations, such as the Mississippi Counseling Association, the Mississippi Community/Junior College Counselor Association and the Lexington Rotary Club. She enjoys reading, cooking and traveling. Spell and her daughter, Taylor (17), reside in Goodman.

Shelby Turner joins Holmes family as a biology instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Shelby Turner joined the Holmes family as a biology instructor on the Ridgeland Campus.

A Bulldog alumna, Turner holds an associate degree from the Holmes Goodman Campus, a bachelor’s

degree in biological sciences from Mississippi State University and a master’s in biomedical sciences from The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

She is also an active member of Sallis Baptist Church and in her free time enjoys singing, shopping and spending time with family and friends.

“I am a third generation Holmes alumna, and I am more than excited to return to my roots and work for Holmes,” Turner said.

She is the daughter of Jackie and Tim Turner, the sister to Griffin and Lindsey Turner and the granddaughter Shirley and Jack Ables and Nell Turner and the late Levon Turner.

Leah Mitchell hired as new Grenada Campus surgical tech instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Leah Mitchell has been named the new surgical technology instructor for the Grenada Campus.

Mitchell was a surgical technologist for 12 years before becoming an instructor. She holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in surgical technology.

Mitchell loves the outdoors and aims to make the best of each season.

D’Mechriea Landfair named Goodman help desk technician

From Staff Reports/Photos



D’Mechriea Landfair joined the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus as a help desk technician.

A Holmes alumna, Landfair completed her Associate of Arts degree in 2020. While at Holmes, she was a Hall of Fame inductee, a President’s List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of the MOSAIC organization. Following graduation from Holmes, Landfair

transferred to Mississippi State University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha while at MSU.

Landfair remains an active member of Phi Beta Kappa and she loves spending time mentoring younger children and teenagers to prepare them for personal and professional growth.

She is also a member of New Banyon Missionary Baptist church in Sallis. In her spare time, Landfair enjoys spending time with my family, grilling and riding four wheelers.

“I am grateful and excited about my new journey at Holmes Community College,” Landfair said.

Charles Wood named Goodman Campus history instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Charles Wood has joined the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus full-time as a history instructor. He will also continue to serve as lead online history instructor for Holmes eLearning. Wood began his role as an adjunct online instructor for the college in the spring of 2014 and has served as lead online history instructor since 2016.

Prior to Holmes, Wood was employed as a history instructor for the Main Street Restart Center in Raymond for 15 years. He holds an associate degree from East Central Communi-

ty College, a bachelor's in business administration/marketing from Mississippi State University and a master's in history from Jackson State University.

Wood is a member of First Baptist Church Louisville, the Mississippi Council Economic Education and he volunteers with the Gleaners Ministry. His hobbies include historical research, listening to live music and serving as owner/operator of Wood Acre Farm L.L.C.

Wood is married to Misty Lee Ferguson-Stout Wood, an occupational

therapist and Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) coordinator for Methodist Rehabilitation Center.

"I am excited for the opportunity to serve as a full-time instructor on the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus," Wood said. "History can be a dull, boring topic for many, but I have full intentions to motivate students in their overall collegiate experience and expand their knowledge and appreciation of history and how it is applicable to our lives."

Jonathan Stokes joins Holmes faculty as engineering tech instructor

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Jonathan Stokes joined the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus faculty as an industrial engineering technology instructor. Stokes also serves as head pastor for Benton United Methodist Church. He is going into his fifth year as a pastor for Benton UMC and he has served as a pastor in Mississippi since 2004.

Stokes earned a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky; a bachelor's degree in history from Mississippi State University and an associate degree from East Mississippi Community

College. He also earned a two-year vocational certification in precision manufacturing and machining, as well as one-year vocational certification in welding and fabrication from EMCC. Additionally, he completed a semester in automotive technology at Itawamba Community College.

Stokes is also an Ordained Elder in the Mississippi United Methodist Conference, helps with hosting 5th Quarter after Benton Academy's home football games and has served as a substitute teacher at Benton Academy. In his free time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, as

well as working on cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and other farm equipment. Stokes loves farming, cooking and working with animals, as well.

Stokes and his wife, Laura, have been married for 24 years and they have four children. Their daughter Elizabeth Stokes Drew is married to Jessie Drew and they have a son, Tyler. The Stokes' other children include Mary Ann, Seth and Joseph Ray. They also have four fur babies: Bruno, Thor, Loki and Wall-E.

Miller promoted to Director of Bands for Holmes

From Staff Reports/Photos



Terry Miller was recently promoted to Director of Bands for Holmes Community College. He previously served as assistant band director for the college.

Miller holds both a master's in music education and a bachelor's in music education (trumpet performance, with jazz emphasis) from Jackson State University. He is a member of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and the Mississippi Bandmasters' Association. He has studied music with Dr. Darci Bishop, Dr. David Ware, Dr. Russell Thomas Jr. and Dr. London Branch.

He has taught both high school and middle school bands for 18 years, most notably at Madison Central High School, where his students earned

many awards for superior music performance during his time as an assistant director there. He has also served as director of bands at Forest Hill High School and Velma Jackson High School. Miller was recognized by the Mississippi Jazz Foundation in November 2019 and presented the music education award at the 16th Annual "Night of Musical Artistry."

Miller is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band in Cherry Pt NC, the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band in Okinawa, Japan and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band in 29 Palms, California. Sergeant First Class Miller is currently a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard,

and directs the Magnolia Blues, the large jazz ensemble of the 41st Army Band. His military decorations include the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Miller is an active professional musician who has performed with national artists including Lee Greenwood, The Mighty Temptations, the Fabulous O'Jays and Verve Pipe. He is a recording and performing member of The Vamps, the Southern Komfort Brass Band, the Big Easy Three and The Terry Miller Project. He lives in Madison with his wife, Simonee, and his son, Myles. His wife is also employed with Holmes, serving as an academic counselor.

Da'Varius Jackson joins Holmes Ridgeland as new police chief

From Staff Reports/Photos



Canton native Da'Varius Jackson recently joined the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus as the new police chief. He comes to Holmes after eight years working for the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) police department.

A Holmes alumnus, Chief Jackson earned an Associate of Arts from the college and played wide receiver for the Bulldogs for two years. Following graduation from Holmes, he obtained a Bachelor of Science from Jackson State University and became a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Chief Jackson rose through the ranks of police officer, sergeant then captain

while serving in three local Mississippi police departments; the Canton Police Department, Hinds Community College Campus Police and most recently, at UMMC. In 2011, Chief Jackson was awarded Canton PD's Top Cop as well as the department's Humanitarian Award. In his most recent role, he assumed command over the Patrol Division, where his responsibilities included overseeing ARMS report system, managing employee deployment, special operations, fire arms instructor, preliminary investigations and Clery crime reports.

Chief Jackson is also a proud service member of the Mississippi Air Na-

tional Guard. He began his career with the 172nd Airlift Wing on Sept. 26, 2013 as an Airman First Class. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Airman in 2016, Staff Sergeant in 2018 and Technical Sergeant in 2020. During his career with the U.S. Military he has been assigned various assignments state-side and completed an overseas deployment in 2019.

In his free time, Chief Jackson enjoys playing softball and spending time with his family. He is married to Katara Jackson and has five children as well as a dog named Zoie.

Caley Stogner named Ridgeland PN instructor for new evening/weekends program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Caley Stogner has joined the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus faculty as a Practical Nursing instructor for the new evening/weekends program.

Stogner comes to Holmes after working for two years at University of Mississippi Medical Center one year at Hinds Community College. She holds

a BSN from Mississippi College and a BA from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Stogner is a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church of Madison, the Mississippi Nurses Association and the American Neonatal Nursing Association. In her free time, she enjoys golfing.

She and her husband, Ty, have two children: a daughter, Zoey Claire (8), and a son, Danon Brees (10 months).

“I am really excited to be joining Holmes Community College!” Stogner said.

Bobbie Horne returns to Holmes as full-time eLearning faculty

From Staff Reports/Photos



Bobbie Horne has returned to the Holmes Community College family full-time as an eLearning instructor. She teaches business/accounting courses online and is the lead online instructor for the business/accounting department. She had been working at Coastal Carolina Community College as an adjunct business/accounting instructor since 2017.

Horne first began working at Holmes in 2007 at the Attala Education Cen-

ter in Kosciusko and then worked as an online math navigator. Later, she worked full-time on the Grenada Campus as a business/accounting instructor and department chair.

A Holmes alumna, Horne earned her associate degree from the college in 2002 before earning a Bachelor of Accountancy in 2004 and a Master of Accountancy in 2005 from the University of Mississippi.

Horne is a member of Peach Creek

Baptist Church in Como and enjoys spending time with her family and fur babies in her free time. She is married to Dustin Horne, who is a full-time instructor at Northwest Community College. They have three children: Laike (15), Laila (11) and Lane (10).

Justin Craft joins Holmes family as assistant director of bands

From Staff Reports/Photos



Justin Craft recently joined the Holmes Community College family as the assistant director of bands. He will serve with newly-promoted Director of Bands Terry Miller on the Goodman Campus.

Craft was previously employed with

the Rankin County School District for four years. He holds a master's in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor's in music education from Mississippi College.

Craft and his wife, Allison, have a

daughter, Lillian, and two dogs, June and Miles.

Jennifer McGehee named Ridgeland Campus biology instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jennifer McGehee has joined the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus full-time as a biology instructor. She has served as an evening adjunct instructor in Ridgeland for three years and as an educator in the Madison County School District

for nine years.

McGehee holds a bachelor's in biology from the University of New Orleans and a master's in biology from Mississippi State University. She is also a member of the National Science Teachers Association.

In her free time, she enjoys baking, playing video games and spending time with her family. She is married to Cary McGehee and has a 17-year-old son, Gabriel Bordelon.

Nikki Boutwell named Goodman recruiting specialist

From Staff Reports/Photos



Nikki Merchant Boutwell has been named Holmes Community College's new Goodman Campus recruiting

specialist. At Holmes, she will supervise the Ambassador student recruiters, instruct a Leadership & Communication Skills class and serve as a liaison between business and industry leaders, recruiters and university admissions counselors.

Boutwell returns to her alma mater after working as a marketing support specialist for Morgan White Group in Ridgeland. A 2017 Holmes graduate, she was a Hall of Fame inductee, an Ambassador, a President's List scholar, Freshman Homecoming Maid and Student Body Maid. She was also a member of Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Baptist Student Union, the Spirit Team, Chorale and the Holmes Connection! show choir. She received the Foreign Language Award and the

Ambassador Award, as well.

Following graduation from Holmes, she transferred to Mississippi College where she majored in public relations and graduated cum laude in 2019 as a Dean's List scholar. While at Mississippi College, she was active on campus as part of Phi Theta Kappa, Laguna Social Tribe and Public Relations Association of Mississippi (PRAM). She gained experience as an intern for Mississippi Magazine and as a manager for Once Upon a Dress, as well.

Before coming on to the staff full-time, Boutwell returned to Holmes, both in 2019 and 2022, to serve as emcee for Holmes' Parade of Beauty pageant. In 2019 she emceed as the reigning Miss Catfish, which is a scholarship pageant for young women that allows them to be a representa-

tive for the U.S. farm-raised catfish industry. Additionally, she is active in the community and has participated in a number of community service activities including, but not limited to: Crown Club Chairman for Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City, Chairman of Fundraising and Events for Echelon – JXN, Arlington mission trip volunteer, Vacation Bible School leader and reading fair judge. She has also volunteered with Horses for Handicapped, toy drives for Blair E. Batson, a food drive for KARA and as a B.A.R.K. volunteer.

Boutwell resides in the smallest town in Mississippi, Satartia, with her husband, Trent and springer spaniel puppy, Ellie.

Jill Sowell joins Holmes family as a graphic designer

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jill Sowell joined the Holmes Community College marketing department as a graphic designer. She works from the Ridgeland Campus.

Sowell comes to Holmes after working as a designer for Hederman Brothers for nearly 10 years. A graduate of Mississippi State University, she began working at Hederman Brothers immediately following college graduation.

Sowell attends Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, and she helped with Vacation Bible School (VBS) set

decorations at her childhood church for many years, as well. She also enjoys trying out new crafting hobbies, sewing, painting, simple wood-work and anything she can do with a hot glue gun.

The daughter of Jackie and Terry Sowell of Canton, she has two siblings, Jon and Casey, and their spouses, who are like siblings to her. Sowell also has four nieces who she is constantly fixing doll dresses for and drawing cartoon characters with. She grew up on

the family farm in Canton and built her house on the land a few years ago. She lives on the farm with her two dogs who bark at cows all day long.

"I attended Holmes the summer after graduating high school in 2008, and I am very excited to come back to such a relaxed atmosphere where everyone has always been so welcoming," Sowell said.

Armintie Price Herrington joins Holmes Grenada Campus staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Armintie Price Herrington has been named the new business office/financial aid advisor for the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus.

Herrington holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Mississippi. During her time at Ole Miss, she excelled playing for the Lady Rebels basketball team and led the team to the NCAA Tournament three times. She received Kodak All-American honors, among other accolades, and upon graduation, entered the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) draft in 2007. She played for nine seasons, and four seasons overseas from 2007-2015.

Herrington started out playing for the Chicago Sky and was named 2007 WNBA Rookie of the Year. She was

traded to the Atlanta Dream in 2009 and the team earned spots in the finals every year. She also became an assistant coach for the Ole Miss Lady Rebels; a position she held from 2009-2012. In 2014, she became a free agent and played for the L.A. Sparks before rejoining the Ole Miss WBB staff in 2016. She served the Lady Rebels as assistant coach one last time, for the 2018-2022 seasons, before leaving Ole Miss to work for Holmes.

Herrington is married to Dr. Reginald Herrington, who serves as assistant principal for Grenada Lower Elementary. They have two children; a son, Reginald II (known as Prince), who is 4 years old, and a daughter, Armintie Christine, who is 9 months old. She is an active member of her

church, Grenada Abundant Life Assembly, and looks forward to getting involved in more community activities. In her free time, she enjoys watching sports, watching movies, hanging out with family/friends and spending time with her children and husband.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to work for the Holmes Grenada Campus and serve this town and give back!" Herrington said. "Holmes has a great family environment and excellent educational platform for students to excel in life as well as in their next chapter in education. The Holmes community cares about every student and I am blessed to be a part of and serve along with the Holmes Grenada family."

Brenda Dorris named Grenada CTE administrative assistant

From Staff Reports/Photos



Brenda Dorris has been named Career Technical Education administrative assistant for the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus. She was previously the business office/financial aid advisor for Grenada.

Before she began her career at Holmes, Dorris was employed with Grenada Lower Elementary School as a library assistant. Prior to working

in education, she served as owner and operator of Reflection of Beauty. She holds an Associate of Arts degree from Holmes, a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and a master's of adult continuing education in counseling psychology from the University of West Alabama.

Dorris is an AmeriCorps alumni, Booster president for Grenada High

School girls' basketball team and a member of Binford Chapel United Methodist Church. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, traveling and spending time with her family.

"I firmly stand behind the saying, 'There is No Place Like Holmes,'" Dorris said.

Patty Jones named assistant director for Holmes ADN

From Staff Reports/Photos



Patty Jones was named assistant director/assistant chair for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus. She has been a member of the Holmes ADN faculty since 2009, and will continue to teach, as well. Jones was previously employed by Holmes County Hospital in Lexington.

A Bulldog alumna, she finished the ADN program at Holmes in 1998. Jones also earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from University of Mississippi Medical

Center. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Durant, the Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, the National League of Nursing and the Holmes Grenada Campus Faculty Association.

Jones and her husband, Grady, have two children: Scotty Jones (Mandy) and Michelle Burrell (Chris). They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with grandchildren.

"Holmes Community College will

always be a special place for me," Jones said. "I received my ADN from Holmes which afforded me many opportunities I could never have dreamed of. As nursing faculty and now assistant director, I get to play a part in preparing future nurses who will hopefully impact healthcare for our surrounding communities."

Buster Bueche returns to Holmes as assistant athletic trainer

From Staff Reports/Photos



Ernest "Buster" Bueche has been named Holmes Community College's newest assistant athletic trainer on the Goodman Campus.

He returns to Holmes after working at Hinds Community College for three years. Prior to that, Bueche was employed with Holmes for seven years. Bueche holds a bachelor's in athletic training from Southeastern Louisiana

University and a master's in higher education administration from Nicholls State University.

He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and Mississippi Athletic Trainers Association (MATA). His hobbies include hunting, fishing and anything outside

Bueche and his wife, Tracy, are from Ascension Parish in South Louisiana,

but have resided in the Madison area since 2012. They have two sons: Coby Leclair, who is serving in the U.S. Army, and Brenden Bueche, who is 8 years old.

Leslie Griffin joins Holmes faculty as Ridgeland PN instructor

From Staff Reports/Photos



Leslie Griffin has joined the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus as a practical nursing instructor. She comes to Holmes after serving nine years at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Attala in the emergency room.

Griffin completed the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Meridian Community College before

earning a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She is a member of the Emergency Nursing Association (ENA) and Jerusalem Baptist Church of Kosciusko, as well.

In her free time, Griffin enjoys spending time with family, traveling and exploring new restaurants. She and

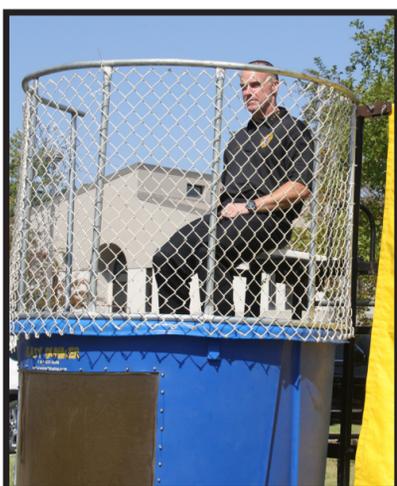
her husband, Cody, have three children: Emma Grace, 13; Layla Claire, 4 and Charlie James, 2.5 months.

"I am so excited to be a part of the Holmes family!" Griffin said.

Grenada Campus holds Fall Picnic 2022

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus held a Fall Picnic on Thursday, Oct. 6. The event included a pizza lunch, kickball, cornhole and a dunking booth. The event was organized by Student Activities Coordinator Haley DeNoon.



Dr. Mackey named American Cancer Society 2022 Honoree

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) **Katrina B. Myricks**, former Holmes instructor and American Cancer Society Honoree, with **Dr. Teresa Mackey**, Holmes vice president for compliance and institutional research and 2022 American Cancer Society Honoree.

Dr. Teresa Mackey, vice president for compliance and institutional research at Holmes Community College, has been named a 2022 Honoree for the American Cancer Society. This honor recognizes a survivor who has been an active volunteer and supporter of breast cancer research to detect it early, eradicate it and prevent reoccurrence.

Dr. Mackey attended the American Cancer Society Survivor Luncheon and has been an annual participant in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event for which she has been recognized as a Pacesetter for her fundraising efforts. This year, Dr. Mackey shared her survivor speech at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Kickoff. Making Strides celebrates its 30th anniversary and the local event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Mississippi Braves Trustmark Park in Pearl.

“I am honored and humbled to be recognized as an honoree,” Dr. Mackey said. “My story is similar to others that have been diagnosed with this awful disease, but the ability to share my story of faith, hope and love brings me comfort. This was my first time talking publicly about my experience with the six-letter word that sends chills, anxiety, anger, grief, tears and a range of emotions throughout a person and their family. It was no easy feat, but this journey of survivorship reminds

me that we are surviving every day. I am thankful to the American Cancer Society for the recognition.”

According to the American Cancer Society’s website, an estimated 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women this year. Additionally, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among U.S. women and is the second leading cause of death from cancer among women after lung cancer. Although breast cancer is a predominantly female disease, approximately 2,710 new cases will occur among men this year.

“I urge everyone to stay abreast of their health and wellness,” Dr. Mackey said. “Eat right and stay active. If you notice any changes to your body, seek the advice of a healthcare expert and get screened. Too often we prioritize so many things in life over our health when it should be a top priority. If you are not well, you can’t do those other things.

“In the event that you are diagnosed with this awful disease, know that the American Cancer Society is here to help,” Dr. Mackey said. “They have a host of resources and support for survivors, thrivers and their caregivers. They provide lodging, rides to treatment and a listening ear along with funding for research so that we may one day say that there is a cure for cancer.

“I want everyone to stand up and support their efforts,” Dr. Mackey said. “I am standing on the shoulders of those survivors before me and I must strengthen and broaden my shoulders for those diagnosed after me by being an advocate and supporter. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month so let’s wear pink and canvass our communities for support.”

An accomplished leader in the field of academia, Dr. Mackey holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Community College Leadership, a Master of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education and a Bachelor of Arts in

Mathematics from Mississippi State University. Prior to her current position at Holmes, she served as vice president for instruction at East Central Community College for 10 years, and has been an adjunct mathematics instructor for Jackson State University since 2014. Before East Central, she worked for East Mississippi Community College for 12 years, holding the roles of associate dean of instruction, mathematics instructor and Phi Theta Kappa honor society advisor. Dr. Mackey also held several positions at MSU while earning her degrees and is a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy.

As one who is no stranger to community involvement and leadership roles, Dr. Mackey is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; the Mississippi State University Department of Educational Leadership Advisory Board, the National Academic Advising Association (NACDA) and of course, a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. She and her husband, Dr. Shawn Mackey, reside in Madison and have three children: Christopher, Shawn Jr. and Matthew. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, spending time with her family and mentoring others.

“Dr. Mackey is one of our incredible survivors who continues to lead this journey every day for others who are in the fight,” said American Cancer Society Executive Director Jennifer Bennett. “She gives so much hope to others with her story of perseverance and resilience. Dr. Mackey is one of the reasons why we continue to do what we do every day, fight for the day that nobody will hear the words you have cancer! Make the call now to your doctor to have your annual breast exam.”

To learn more about the American Cancer Society and how to donate/volunteer for the organization, visit <https://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/mississippi.html>.

Terri Caruthers joins Holmes family on Ridgeland Campus

From Staff Reports/Photos



Terri Caruthers has joined the Holmes Community College family as the administrative assistant/receptionist to vice president on the Ridgeland Campus.

Caruthers holds a degree in paralegal studies from Baton Rouge College and was previously employed with Harrison Law for over 20 years.

She is involved in various volunteer

efforts supporting local schools, food drives, coat drives, foster families and Sunset Hill (Sunnybrook’s Foster Family retreat home). In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, watching sports and holiday decorating.

Caruthers and her husband Tim have been married 32 years. They have a son, Tyler; a daughter-in-law, Hope

and grandson, Eli (almost 2).

“I am excited to be here at Holmes Community College and to be a part of the Holmes family!”

Shavon Harried-Robinson joins Holmes Ridgeland staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Shavon Harried-Robinson is the new counseling center administrative assistant on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus. She was previously employed with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (CDL Specialist) for one year.

A Holmes alumna, Harried-Robin-

son holds an Associate of Arts from the college (2018) as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration from Jackson State University (2020). In her free time, she enjoys reading, learning and spending quality time with her family.

She is married to Lawrence Robinson III and has one daughter, I’Yunna

Robinson (7).

“I am currently attending Belhaven University to earn my Masters in Public Administration,” Harried-Robinson said. “I chose to further my education so that I can make an impact and touch lives on a daily basis.”

Bills trample over reigning champions on Opening Night

By Jacob Duncan
Staff Reporter



Football is back and will be here to stay until February! Recently, it was week one for kickoff of the 2022-2023 NFL season. There were many nail-biting games this weekend, but Opening Night was special as former Super Bowl Champions, the Los Angeles Rams, hosted the Buffalo Bills for Thursday night football.

It was presumed that stars like Matthew Stafford and Cam Akers would come in and seal the deal. Although, it seemed that Josh Allen's performance along with his right-hand man, Stefon Diggs, was too much for Los Angeles. The Bills easily defeated the Rams by three touchdowns,

31-10.

Both quarterbacks threw the pigskin extremely well; Stafford had 29 completions for 240 yards and one touchdown, while Allen had 26 completions for 297 yards and three touchdown passes. Allen even moved well on his feet as he had 10 carries for 56 yards and one rushing touchdown. Allen had better rushing stats than the backs of the Rams.

The difference maker was the outstanding performance of the Bills receivers. Jalen Ramsey, the five time Pro-Bowler and Super Bowl champion, came into the game ready to guard the swift Stefon Diggs. Although, Ramsey allowed Diggs to have eight receptions for 122 yards and one touchdown. Two other rising stars, Gabe Davis and Isaiah McKenzie, were able to score a touchdown a piece on Thursday night. Cooper Kupp of the Rams



had 13 receptions for 128 yards and a touchdown, but his performance could not uphold Von Miller and the Bills defense. The defense caused Stafford to throw three interceptions in the nightcap.

The Buffalo Bills will have the momen-

tum heading into this next week as they host the 0-1 Tennessee Titans on Monday night. The Los Angeles Rams will prep to host the 0-1 Atlanta Falcons, who suffered a tough loss in a nail-biter to the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

A Bulldog win

By Autumn Drake
Staff Reporter



Football season is a time when a community gathers. Students, faculty, alumni and many others crowd the stadium to watch the epic plays. This fall semester, the Holmes Community College football team has three wins under their belt and with any luck, more to come.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, the players, cheer team and the band traveled to Madison to play. Since the renovations to their home field are ongoing, they have had to travel even for home games. This game was held at Madison Central High school against the Northeast Tigers.

After a long game, they came through with a win, 34 to 31. The buzzer rang and the crowd leaped up and cheered with excitement. A Bulldog win for the books.



History is being made with the long ball

By Jacob Duncan
Staff Reporter



Albert Pujols has shocked the world! This past Friday, Sept. 23, Albert Pujols smashed his 699th and 700th career home run against his former team, the Los Angeles Dodgers. History is being made

right in front of our eyes, as Pujols moves to the fourth place spot on the all-time home run list for the MLB. He moved right in front of Alex Rodriguez, and is behind Babe Ruth (714), Hank Aaron (755) and Barry Bonds (762).

The All-Star slugger and first baseman is in his 22nd season of his MLB career, and is showing every baseball fan what athlet-

ic longevity looks like. Pujols is having an exceptional season with St. Louis. He is currently hitting with an average of .264, has 21 home runs and has 58 runs batted in. He is also putting these numbers up at the age of 42. He hasn't put up numbers like this in over three years, which is when he played with the Los Angeles Angels.

Although the St. Louis Cardinals come across as a real threat being 89-65 going into October, everyone in the MLB is in support of Pujols. Whether they are a player, manager or coach, they all want to see Pujols continue making history. He is not far from the number three spot for all-time career home runs. Pujols is only 15 home runs away from moving in front of Babe Ruth for the number three spot.

It is unsure when exactly Pujols will retire, but it is obvious that he will end his



career soon. He will end his career soon with the team he started his career with, the St. Louis Cardinals. Heading into October, the Cardinals and Pujols get ready for postseason play in pursuit of a World

Series championship. Will Pujols end his career off with his third World Series ring? Will he finish his career as a top three all-time home run leader? It is certain that he will continue to make history.

All rise for the Judge

By Jacob Duncan
Staff Reporter



Aaron. Judge. Has. Done. It. Last Tuesday, Oct. 4, Judge made history in baseball. Judge launched his 62nd home run this season, adding to his insane stat line

for the 2022 MLB season. The monstrous home run he hit put his name in history, as he now leads the American League single season home run record.

Judge just passed former Yankee, Roger

Maris, as his record has been held for over 60 years. Maris finished his career with a 61 home run season. Maris passed up Babe Ruth in 1961, as Ruth's record was held for over 40 years. Undoubtedly, athletes who are in the game of baseball now are much further ahead than in the '60s. Pitching is the best we've seen as guys throw baseballs over 100 mph now. What Judge is doing this season is truly remarkable to watch.

Judge is only behind a few guys for the single season home run record. Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds are

all ahead of him. Judge is in seventh right now, behind the several 60+ home run seasons of the legends I mentioned. The record, held by Bonds, is 73 home runs. It is well known across the baseball world that Bonds did that while on PEDs (performance enhancing drugs). Judge is only 12 away from beating that record, with still all of October left to play. Will Judge be able to do it this season? Or will he have another season like this in his future?



Bulldogs fall to Rangers, 41-14

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs fell to 4-4 overall and 3-3 in the North Division with a 41-14 loss at home on Thursday, Oct. 20, to the Northwest Mississippi Community

College Rangers. Holmes will play their final regular season game on Thursday at 3 p.m. vs. Southwest in the Homecoming contest for Holmes.

Northwest scored twice in the first quarter, one on special teams and one on a rushing touchdown to lead 13-0 with 5:15 left in the quarter. Maxton Woodward had a block on the second extra point try.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard with 4:40 left to play in the first when Dekari Johnson connected with A.J. Davis IV on a 28-yard touchdown pass. Will Carter's extra point made the score, 13-7.

Northwest scored with :21 left on a rushing touchdown. The extra point was good, and Northwest led 20-7 at halftime. The Rangers scored once in the third on a rushing touchdown and extra point to go up 27-7. The increased the lead to 34-7 on a passing touchdown and extra point early in the fourth.

The Bulldogs scored with 11:12 left in the fourth when Vontrez Rush scored from a yard out to end all scoring with the Bulldogs after Carter's extra point was good.

Northwest scored with 6:23 on a rushing touchdown and extra point to end the scoring at 41-14.

Philip Short was 21-of-39 for 192 yards. Kerrick Ross had eight catches for 62 yards while Rush had 57 yards on four catches and Davis had four catches for 51 yards.

Breon Jordan had 11 tackles while Laquan Robinson and Jodie Williams each had nine while Miguel Evans and Chris Walley had eight tackles. Yaphet Hearn had one tackle for loss while Laterrance Cassels and Williams added a .5 TFL.

Davis named NJCAA/MACCC Special Teams Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College sophomore wide receiver A.J. Davis IV has been named the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for his play in Holmes' 34-31 win over the Northeast Mississippi Community College Tigers on Thursday, Oct. 20 in Madison.

Against Northeast, Davis had two punt returns for 90 yards including a 90-yard punt return for a touchdown. He also caught 10 passes for 106 yards in the game.

No. 4 Holmes knocks off No. 10 SWIC in Friday match, 3-0

From Staff Reports/Photos



The No. 4 Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs knocked off No. 10 Southwestern Illinois College, 3-0, at home on Friday, Oct. 21.

With the win, Holmes improved to 15-0-1. Holmes will wrap up the final regular season match on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in Poplarville vs. Pearl River Community College. The Lady Bulldogs are 8-0-1 in the MACCC.

Darian Blackburn got on the scoreboard in the 32nd minute on an assist

from Brianna Lopez to put Holmes up 1-0 at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs increased the lead to 2-0 in the 59th minute on a goal from Jacelyn Russ on an assist from Abbey Roberts. The final goal came in the 65th minute on a penalty kick from Mia Aviles.

Karly Murphy got the start and had six saves while Jordan Bertschler got four saves.

Ndayisaba named MACCC Men's Offensive Player of the Week

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Holmes Community College sophomore forward Odanci Ndayisaba has been named the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week for his play against Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Ndayisaba had four goals and one assist in Holmes' 7-2 win over Northwest.

He'll now be considered for NJCAA honors.

Bulldogs christen new Ras Branch field with 48-6 win over Delta

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The Holmes Community College Bulldogs picked up a big North Division win Thursday, Oct. 13 over the Mississippi Delta Community College Trojans, 48-6, at the new and improved Ras Branch Stadium.

The stadium went from a natural surface to artificial turf and added LED lighting to the facility. Holmes

improved to 4-3 overall and 3-3 in the MACCC. Holmes travels to Senatobia Thursday night at 7 p.m. to face Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Holmes got on the scoreboard in the first quarter on a 12-yard touchdown run by J.J. Grant. Will Carter's extra point put Holmes up 7-0 with 10:02 left in the quarter.

The Bulldogs increased the lead to 14-0 with 5:59 left in the quarter when Philip Short found A.J. Davis IV on a 54-yard touchdown pass. Carter's extra point was good.

Holmes added another score in the first when Short found Bryceton Spencer on a seven-yard touchdown pass. Carter's extra point was good, and Holmes led 21-0.

The Bulldogs' final score of the first half came with 11:32 left in second when Wykece Johnson scored from a yard out. Carter's extra point made it 28-0 Holmes at the break.

Mississippi Delta took advantage of a Bulldog miscue to start the third when they took in a Bulldog fumble for a score. The extra point attempt failed, and Holmes led 28-6 with 13:54 to go in the third.

Luke Moffett nailed a 42-yard field goal with 11:26 to go in the third to make it 31-6 Holmes leading at that

point.

Deriaun Townsend scored for the Bulldogs with 1:17 left in the quarter to put Holmes up 38-6.

The Bulldog defense got in on the scoring when Robert Jennings picked up a fumble and raced 85 yards for the score with 10:54 left in the fourth. Moffett's extra point made it 45-6.

Moffett nailed a 21-yard field goal with 4:06 left in the game to end the scoring at 48-6.

Short ended the game 24-of-49 for 244 yards and two touchdowns. Davis caught six passes for 101 yards. Grant had 57 yards on nine carries.

Jennings had five tackles and three tackles for loss and one sack. Jeremiah Kirk had two tackles for loss while Parviz King, Kabron Purifoy, Vontrez Rush and Comondre Cole each had a tackle for loss in the game.

Blackburn named MACCC Offensive Player of the Week

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Holmes Community College sophomore Darian Blackburn of Vestavia Hills, Ala. has been named the MACCC Offensive Player of the Week for her play against Southwest Mississippi Community College on Oct. 15.

Blackburn scored three goals in the match, two assisted and one unassisted goal.

She'll now be considered for NJCAA honors.

Ndayisaba scores four goals in Holmes' 7-2 win over Northwest

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The Holmes Community College Bulldogs went to 4-3-1 on the season after picking up a 7-2 win over the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers at home on Friday, Sept. 30.

Kentaveun Ware scored on an assist from Odanci Ndayisaba in the 13th minute to give Holmes the 1-0 lead.

Bienvenue Sunzu scored in the 26th minute on a penalty kick. Ndayisaba scored again in the 29th minute to put Holmes up 3-0.

Northwest scored in the 32nd and 34th minute to make the score 3-2 at

halftime.

Ndayisaba scored again in the 64th minute. He added his hat trick goal in the 80th minute on an assist from Nolan Owens to give Holmes the 5-2 lead. Ndayisaba got his fourth goal in the 81st minute on an assist from Edy Gael to make it 6-2.

Caleb Jones scored on an assist from Owens in the 88th minute to end all scoring at 7-2.

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Autumn Drake

Autumn Drake is a freshman on the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus. She is majoring in radiological sciences and plans to attend the University of Mississippi after Holmes. Drake takes part in band and works in the library on campus. Her hobbies include spending quality time with friends and traveling. She one day plans to become an X-ray technician and move to Colorado.



Jacob Duncan

Jacob Duncan of Hernando is a sophomore journalism major on the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Bulldogs baseball team. In his free time, Duncan enjoys watching and playing sports like baseball and golf, collecting sneakers, and loves spending time with his family and friends back in North Mississippi. Upon graduating from Holmes, he plans to transfer to a university to play baseball and study journalism but is undecided where that will be right now. Duncan's dream is to become a sports broadcaster or work in sports analytics!



Hanadi Hariri

Hanadi Hariri of Sallis is a sophomore pre-nursing major on the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus. She is active on campus as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Growl student newspaper, a group leader in the Social & Behavioral Science Honor Roll program, as well as a work-study student in the campus library. In her free time, Hariri enjoys reading, running and critiquing various forms of entertainment. Upon graduating from Holmes, she plans to attend nursing school where she will complete her bachelor's in nursing.



Tanya Jefferson

Tanya Jefferson is a sophomore at Holmes Community College majoring in journalism/mass communication on the Ridgeland Campus. Jefferson is part of the yearbook staff and newspaper staff. At the moment, she is working two jobs and staying active in school while also still getting to enjoy her life and have fun in her 20's. After graduating, she plans to attend one of these universities: Jackson State University, Alcorn University or the University of Southern Mississippi. If she does not attend one of those, she has a few options in mind in either Georgia or Texas. She plans to have a successful career in the film industry.



Elijah Mangum

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