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## Edge crowned Homecoming Queen

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Pictured are (left to right) Goodman Campus Vice President **Andy Wood**, Alumni Council President **Derek Starling**, Homecoming Queen **Abigail Edge**, escort **Reese Smith** and Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey**.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, Holmes Community College hosted its annual Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus. Abigail Edge of Vaughan, daughter of Heather and David Edge, was crowned 2022 Homecoming Queen at halftime. Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey crowned the queen, Alumni Association President Derek Starling presented her robe and Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood presented her flowers. Hughes was escorted by Reese Smith of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Prior to the Homecoming Court Presentation, the Holmes Marching Band, directed by Jeffrey Brown and Terry Miller, performed on the field. The rest of the Goodman Campus court included: Student Body Maid Aasjahla Garron of Winona and her escort

Braylen Albritton of Kosciusko; Sophomore Maid Hanadi Hariri of Sallis and her escort Justin Jenkins of Ackerman; Sophomore Maid Livi Howell of Coxburg and her escort Hunter Barron of Yazoo City; Freshman Maid Mason Boyette of Carmack and her escort Walker Floyd of Brandon and Freshman Maid Mackenzie Ward of Durant and her escort Matthew Reed of Madison.

Ridgeland Campus court members were as follows: Student Body Maid Olasike Olagbegi of Jackson and her escort Jaylen Grays of Jackson; Sophomore Maid Arian Felton of Madison and her escort Jordan Holly of Clinton; Sophomore Maid Morghan McDonald of Madison and her escort Jaylon

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## Lady Bulldogs end magical season as NJCAA National Champion runners-up

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The **Lady Bulldogs soccer team** finished their season as national champion runner-ups.

In three years of NJCAA's Division II Women's Soccer, Holmes Community College and Phoenix College have met twice in the national championship match. Phoenix prevailed on Nov. 19 to capture the 2022 title, 4-0.

Holmes finished their season with an 18-2-3 record while Phoenix finished the season at 18-2-1. Holmes made the championship after going 2-0 in pool play with a 6-1 win over Cape Fear and advanced on penalty kicks after tying Schoolcraft, 3-3. The Lady Bulldogs then defeated Jones, 2-1, on Friday in 2 OTs. Phoenix advanced to the championship game after defeating South Suburban, 7-1 and Southwestern Illinois, 5-1. They defeated Northwest, 2-0, in the other semifinal contest.

Phoenix scored two goals in the first half and two in the second half.

Phoenix scored a goal in the 18th minute to lead 1-0 and another in the 37th minute to lead 2-0 at halftime. They added another goal in the 63rd minute and 66th minute.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the match with five shots on goal and 14 shots in the contest. Phoenix had nine shots on goal and 18 shots. Goalkeepers Jordan Bertschler and Karly Murphy had five saves in the contest.

Following the match, Jaelyn Hanson and Tailynn Rimmel were named to the 2022 Tournament Team prior to the Lady Bulldogs receiving their runner-up trophy.

## Premier Medical opens clinic on Goodman Campus

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

Holmes Community College partnered with Premier Medical Group of Mississippi to open a clinic on the Goodman Campus. Holmes alumna and nurse practitioner Candice Edwards Parish and her team are open to serve students and the Goodman community.

Parish is a family practice specialist who resides in Kosciusko. She graduated with honors from University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in 2019.



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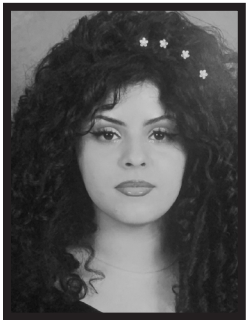


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Study tips for finals week

By Hanadi Hariri  
Staff Reporter



Finals week at Holmes Community College is heading our way, with Tuesday, Dec. 6 being the first day of exams. This is a stressful time for all students and it is easy

to get overwhelmed and so below are some tips for students to withstand the pressure of finals.

1. Get ahead and make a plan

Be sure to start studying before the last minute, begin coming up with a study plan and stick with it. Cramming at the last minute is unreliable and will only cause stress.

2. Make priorities

If you are short on time, study the material that will most likely be on the finals and then material that may or may not appear.

3. Take breaks

Give your brain time to recharge by taking breaks often to make your con-

centration better.

4. Sleep

The worst thing you can do for yourself is cut out sleep to study; your brain needs rest to function properly and sleep is what it needs.

Whether it's to sleep properly or create a game plan, finals can be easier to handle if you follow some of the tips above.

Linked below is the fall semester day and evening exam schedule. Good luck!

<https://www.holmescc.edu/pdf/EXAMS/Fall%20Exam%20Schedule.pdf>.



McMorrough Library holds crochet, yoga workshops

By Hanadi Hariri  
Staff Reporter



The Holmes Community College McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus held two workshops for students and college fac-

ulty and staff to participate in for their leisure.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the library staff held a workshop titled, "A Crochet Christmas" at 4 p.m. on the main floor. Tools and materials were provided at the time of event.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. a

yoga workshop was also held on the main floor of the McMorrough Library.

For more information about library events, contact the McMorrough Library staff at (662) 472-2312.



Holmes PTA holds joint CEU/retirement celebration event

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) on the Grenada Campus, directed by Meg King, held an event in Phillips Hall on Nov. 16. The PTA program hosted an American Physical Therapy Association-MS (APTA-MS) CEU event based on the capstone research projects the December 2022 graduates are currently completing at clinic.

In addition to the CEU event, the PTA program took time to celebrate Holmes instructor Andy Pearson and all that he has given to the PTA Program for the last eight years. PTA alumni came back to campus to reunite and catch up during this event.

The Holmes PTA program's mission is to improve the quality of life in the community by implementing a quality education program to educate knowledgeable and marketable physical therapist assistants. The program prepares graduates to assist physical therapists in various healthcare settings.



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Boarden of Ridgeland; Freshman Maid Kennedy Manning of Brandon and her escort Tommy Jacobs of Brandon and Freshman Maid Jamaiya Williams of Canton and her escort Sean Jordan of Byram.

Finally, Grenada Campus court members included: Student Body Maid Allie Williamson of Scobey and her escort Phillip Crawford of Grenada; Sophomore Maid Karlee Luke of Eupora and her escort Andy Cooper of Walthall; Sophomore Maid Madison Odom of Kosciusko and her escort Webb Roberts of Duck Hill; Freshman Maid Ashlyn Gillespie of Greenwood and her escort Baker Avant of Carrollton and Freshman Maid Avery Grace Lowery of Winona and her escort Eli

Black of Grenada.

This year’s football game against the Southwest Mississippi Community College Bears kicked off at 3 p.m. and the Bears fell to the Bulldogs 40-10. Prior to kick-off, the Chorale sang the national anthem and the new field was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting by the 2022 Homecoming Honorees and the Halbrook Award recipient. Honorees included: Alumnus of the Year Derek Starling, Sr.; Distinguished Service Award recipient Kay Gowen Asken; Young Alumnus of the Year Taylor Cain Bishop and Veteran of the Year Maj. Gen. William J. Lutz, USAF. The Halbrook recipient was Holmes softball player Shelby Lindsay of Kosciusko.

Homecoming festivities kicked off with a Visual Arts Display in the McMorrough Library at 8 a.m. and a baseball and softball highlight at 9 a.m. The basketball team played against Bulldog alumni, as well. Academic Programs and Career-Technical Education hosted a Career and Transfer Fair in the Grove and at the same time, Workforce Development hosted “Major’s Truck Expo” with all of the big industry vehicles on display for guests coming to campus.

The honorees were recognized in McDaniel Auditorium at 10 a.m. followed by the debut performance from the Holmes Connection! and Coachmen.

Other mid-day activities included

food trucks, fun and games in the Grove accompanied with live music by the Holmes Jazz Band. At noon, the Holmes Chorale performed a variety of their music in the Chapel on the Hill. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and guests also enjoyed tailgating, a pep rally and live music by Lauren Lindsay prior to kick-off.

Leading up to Homecoming Day, all the campuses had an opportunity to show their school spirit with designated dress-up days. Monday was Hawaiian Shirt Day, Tuesday was Jersey Day, Wednesday was Pink Out Day and Thursday was School Spirit Day, where everyone was encouraged to wear the Homecoming t-shirt.



The **Holmes Chorale** performs in The Chapel on the Hill. For one song, Holmes Chorale alumni joined in to sing.



The **Holmes Cheerleaders** run out on the field with the Bulldogs following behind to take on Southwest Community College.



Some of the **Holmes 2002 Bulldogs Football Alumni** were recognized on the field at the end of the third quarter.



The **Holmes Connection!** performs in McDaniel Auditorium following Alumni Honoree Recognition.



The **Holmes Associate Degree Nursing** instructors from the Ridgeland Campus enjoy tailgating in their matching shirts.



**Coach Marcus Wood** gives the Holmes **Bulldogs** a pep talk.

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## Homecoming Court 2022



Pictured is escort **Reese Smith** with Homecoming Queen **Abigail Edge**.



Pictured is escort **Braylen Albritton** with Goodman Student Body Maid **Aasjahla Garron**.



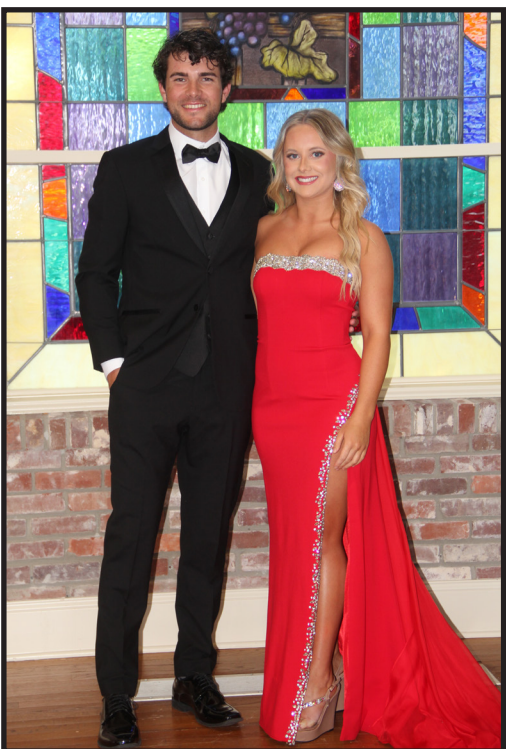
Pictured is escort **Jaylen Grays** with Ridgeland Student Body Maid **Olasike Olagbegi**.



Pictured is escort **Phillip Crawford** with Grenada Student Body Maid **Allie Williamson**.



Pictured is escort **Justin Jenkins** with Goodman Sophomore Maid **Hanadi Hariri**.



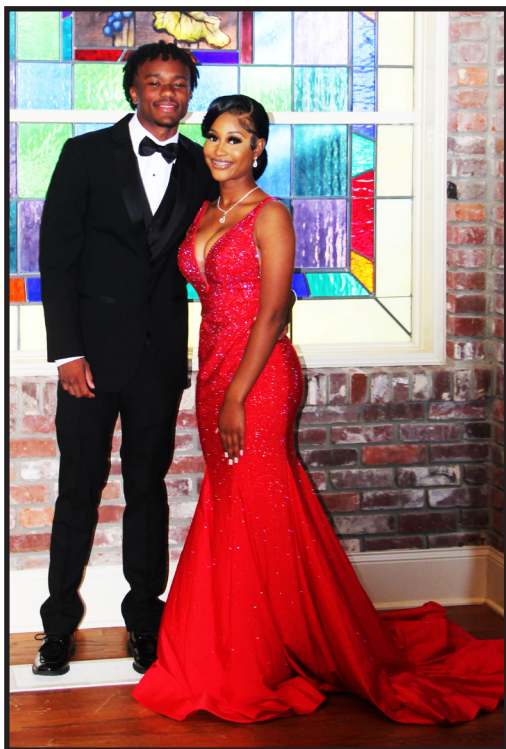
Pictured is escort **Hunter Barron** with Goodman Sophomore Maid **Livi Howell**.



Pictured is escort **Walker Floyd** with Goodman Freshman Maid **Mason Boyette**.



Pictured is escort **Matthew Reed** with Goodman Freshman Maid **Mackenzie Ward**.



Pictured is escort **Jordan Holly** with Ridgeland Sophomore Maid **Arian Felton**.



Pictured is escort **Jaylon Boarden** with Ridgeland Sophomore Maid **Morghana McDonald**.



Pictured is escort **Sean Jordan** with Ridgeland Freshman Maid **Jamaiya Williams**.



Pictured is escort **Tommy Jacobs** with Ridgeland Freshman Maid **Kennedy Manning**.



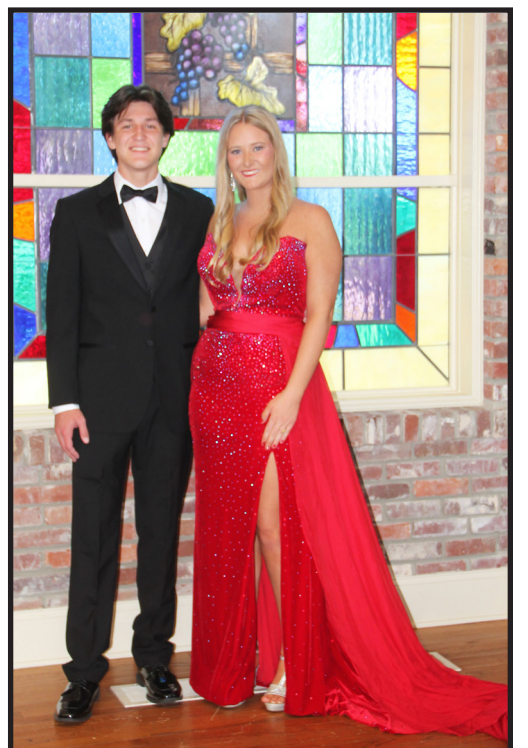
Pictured is escort **Webb Roberts** with Grenada Sophomore Maid **Madison Odom**.



Pictured is escort **Andy Cooper** with Grenada Sophomore Maid **Karlee Luke**.



Pictured is escort **Baker Avant** with Grenada Freshman Maid **Ashlyn Gillespie**.



Pictured is escort **Eli Black** with Grenada Freshman Maid **Avery Grace Lowery**.



## Healthy holiday habits at Ridgeland Campus’ first annual Turk-A-Thon

By Elijah Mangum  
Staff Reporter



The STEM department held their first annual Turk-a-Thon at the Ridgeland Campus on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The relay race and walk started and finished at Science Building West. Participants were encouraged to dress up as a turkey.

Inside the building, there were healthy alternatives to holiday treats prepared by

the Culinary Arts program, free massages from the Massage Therapy program, vital signs checks from ADN Nursing students and “turkey” yoga. Biology Instructor Rosalyne Davis hoped to bring the school together by putting the community back into Holmes Community College. “That is what it was all about, us having a sense of community for the students. We want to give them an experience, college experience. This is something they can think about later on and smile about. I know I had fun today,” Davis said.



(left to right) Annabelle Hodge, Destiny Jordan, Mylia Engle, Madison Brooke and Rosyln Smith.

## Grenada Campus instructors present at MSERA

From Staff Reports/Photos



(left) Amy Land and (right) Tina Garrett pose for a photo with Dr. Walter Mathews at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of MSERA.

Two Holmes Community College Grenada Campus instructors presented at the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) annual conference Nov. 9 and 10 in Little Rock, Arkansas. As doctoral candidates in

the Ed.D. of Professional Studies program at Delta State University, Tina Garrett, chair of the Social and Behavioral Science Division and psychology instructor, and Amy Land, English and education instructor, presented

research they have been preparing to propose. Participating in a paper session, Garrett shared her working proposal “Generational Differences in Instructional Strategy Preferences and Academic Success in Community College Students,” as she plans to teach content to multigenerational students to see if there is a difference in preferences for instructional strategies across generations. This study seeks to guide instructors in choosing instructional strategies that are most beneficial to their students. Garrett was recognized for her work as a recipient of a Research in Progress Award. Participating in a poster session, Land shared her working proposal “Analyzing Patterns of Completion in Online Developmental English and Traditional Developmental English in a Local Mississippi Community College,” in which she intends to analyze pre-collected data to identify patterns of completion in developmental and traditional English students across

face-to-face and online formats, employing other variables to see if any factors seem to be greater predictors than others. It is her hope that this could inform future execution of developmental English courses for increased success and greater retention of developmental students at the start of their college journeys. While at MSERA, Garrett and Land received much positive feedback and networked with many practiced researchers in the field of education, namely Dr. Walter Mathews, the founder of MSERA. During his tenure at the University of Mississippi, Dr. Mathews created MSERA in 1972 in order to allow researchers to further develop the field of education alongside one another. MSERSA is highly dedicated to being accessible, welcome and positive to researchers at all stages in college and career. “We are so grateful for the opportunity to attend and present at MSERA 2022,” Garrett and Land said.

## Halloween costume contest brings spooky fun to the Ridgeland Campus

By Elijah Mangum  
Staff Reporter



The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held their annual costume contest on Monday, Oct. 31. The Student Government Association set up their tent in the courtyard area. In addition to the contest, students could enjoy some popcorn and candy. Will Spell and Rachel Mallord won first place for their handmade costumes of Shark Boy and Lavagirl from “The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl.” They received a Applebee’s gift card. “A couple of our friends and I were watching the movie. We like doing extravagant things like dressing up for Halloween. So, one of my friends was like ‘Oh my gosh!’ You guys got to be Sharkboy and Lavagirl, so we were,” said Mallord. “We went to Home Depot to buy cardboard. We cut out the pieces, and taped them together with duct tape,” said Spell. Elle Schneider won second place for her makeup work as a car crash victim. She

received a gift card to Golden Corral. “I like doing horror movie makeup, so I figured why not give it a chance,” Schneider said. Aicha Sall won third place for her costume as an Egyptian which was in tribute to her African heritage. She received a gift card to Newk’s Eatery. “I felt a connection with it, because my great-grandfather was from Egypt,” Sall said. There was also a special award for faculty members which went to Graphic Designer Stephanie Wood dressed as Robin Hood. She received an Olive Garden gift card. “I’m an archer naturally. I’ve been shooting my bow and arrow since I was six. This is my husband’s costume actually, so I mixed my archery equipment with my husband’s costume. There you go!” Wood said. All student winners received a Holmes Community College lounge chair.

(left to right) The first place winners were Rachel Mallord and Will Spell as Lava-girl and Sharkboy.



Holmes faculty, staff and students had fun participating in the costume contest.





## Holmes forestry instructor and wife recognized at Annual MFA meeting

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) **Amber and James Floyd**, who were recently recognized for their contributions to the Grenada County Forestry Association (CFA) at the 85th Annual Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) meeting.

James Floyd, the forestry instructor for Holmes Community College forestry instructor James Floyd and his wife, Amber, were recently recognized for their contributions to the Grenada County Forestry Association (CFA) at the 85th Annual Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) meeting.

Since 1990, 45 counties per year (out of 82) have had timber as the most valuable agricultural crop. Forested acres make up more than 60 percent of Mississippi and most (72 percent) of that is owned by non-industrial, private landowners. CFA's are a way for these landowners to communicate with local industries, resource professionals and each other.

MFA is the only statewide non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining Mississippi's forests. They seek to unify members of the forestry community through public affairs, communications, and education. The annual

meetings are a great venue for this organization to recognize Mississippi's leaders in conservation.

The Floyds took the initiative to bring back an association that had previously been inactive and kept the CFA lively through the pandemic. As a result, the Grenada CFA was also recognized as the 2022 Outstanding CFA.

James teaches forestry classes at Holmes' Grenada and Goodman campuses. He holds a master's and a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University as well as an associate degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Amber works as a refuge manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The two spend most of their free time improving their Tree Farm in Yalobusha County.

## Two Holmes officers attend crisis intervention training

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) Holmes officers **Patrick Lampkin** and **Tyler Winter**.

Two Holmes police officers, Patrick Lampkin and Tyler Winter, recently attended Mississippi Crisis Intervention training in Jackson. The 40-hour crisis intervention team academy

training was held at the Hinds County Behavioral Health Center. The extensive training allowed the officers to work through different scenarios they might run into on campus. The officers

practiced mental health, drug-induced, domestic violence, anxiety or depression situations that would better prepare them anything that might happen at work.

"The training was eye opening," Lampkin said. "It made me more aware of what to look for when dealing with people on campus and taught me that interaction is key."

The training helped the officers look for signs of people having mental health disorders or having a mental health crisis. In more detailed terms, it trained them to be more familiar with the signs of students or faculty who might be showing signs of mental health disorders such as anxiety, suicide, depression, autism, personality disorder or even schizophrenia.

With the training, the officers will have better verbal skills to de-escalate a situation using a certain tone or key

words to calm a subject down if needed.

"The training gave me the skills that I need to help a student or faculty member get through whatever crisis they may be having and get them the help they need by identifying what kind of mental health issue they might be having at the time," Winter said.

Not only did the training help with how to handle any situation better, it also helped them be able to give someone who might be going through a mental health crisis a place to go that could help them further like St. Dominic, Merritt Health or UMMC.

Both officers completed the training, which was taught by Crisis Intervention Team Training Academy Program Coordinator Dr. Tiffany C. Anders, in October 2022.

## Holmes Culinary Arts Program prepares Thanksgiving meal at Sunnybrook Children's Home

By **Elijah Mangum**  
Staff Reporter



The Holmes Community College Culinary Arts program catered a Thanksgiving meal for the residents and staff at Sunnybrook Children's Home on Monday, Nov. 21.

The lunch was a great encouragement to the residents who will not be going home to their own Thanksgiving meal this holiday season.

The dinner is so special because we have kids here who are not going home for Thanksgiving," said Sunnybrook Director of Advancement Ron Veazey. "They will stay here. There are some that will

go home and see their family. This just really makes it special. They get some really great food, and we are so thankful for what Holmes has done to provide this service for us."

The meal would have not possible if were not for the monetary and food donations from the college and community.

"Seeing this community being this active and willing to participate and help is very encouraging this time of year," said Chef Alexei Harrison, Culinary Arts instructor.

Shower Power received the leftovers to give to the homeless they reach in Jackson.

This is the second year the program has catered the event as part of Holmes' long-time partnership with Sunnybrook.



The **Holmes Culinary Arts** students serve Thanksgiving lunch to the residents of Sunnybrook Children's Home on Nov. 21



## Sara Pollan presents at MSTA Conference

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



Pictured is (*far right*) **Sara Pollan**, a Holmes Grenada Campus biology instructor, presenting at MSTA.

Sara Pollan, a biology instructor on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, served as one of the presenters for the Annual Mississippi Science Teachers Association (MSTA) conference held Oct. 23-25 at the

Golden Nugget in Biloxi. She has been a member of MSTA since she began teaching in 2003 and has presented at the conference many times.

“For this year’s conference, I presented a session on Active Learning

Strategies in the Biology Classroom,” Pollan said. “I used information from our department chair Dr. Antoine Gates through his STEM Talk sessions, “Essential Teaching Principles” by Maryelle Weimer (recommended by Dr. Jenny Jones) and “Interactive Lecturing” by Barkley and Major (recommended by Dr. Kathryn Cox). We went through 22 different strategies to keep classes interesting and engaging.

“We had about 20 participants in the session,” Pollan said. “I couldn’t have made it through the session without the help of Leah Hollingsworth, a biology teacher from Grenada High School. We attended sessions from other presenters from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon. It was a great opportunity to meet other instructors in our field and learn from their sessions as well.”

Pollan holds a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry with minors in biology and physics from Delta State University, as well as a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction with an

emphasis in secondary science education, and further master’s level work, from Clemson University. She is the outreach coordinator for the Grenada Higher Education Association, a board member on the Grenada County Forestry Association, and Treasurer for the Rosebloom Recreational Park in my community. She also attends church and is involved with the youth ministry at Friendship Baptist Church in Grenada.

Prior to employment at Holmes, Pollan taught at Grenada High School. She also has teaching experience with South Panola High School and Charleston High, as well. Pollan and her husband, Garrett Pollan, reside in Grenada. She has four children: Edi Rose Blaylock, Benton Blaylock, Olivia Pollan and Eli Pollan. The Pollans use their vacation time to travel to different places to camp and ride horses. They have longhorn cows, horses, donkeys, chickens, ducks, turkeys and an Australian Shephard, Colt.

## Grenada Campus collects books for local classroom

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus’ Foundations of Education class, alongside Student Activities, responded to a need for a local classroom in Winona in need of books for their students. Pictured here with one third of the books collected are Haley Denoon (Student Activities Coordinator), Amy Land (instructor) and students Angel Avent, Olivia Pharr, Kristen Keith, Hope Mckellar and Hannah Mitchell. These education students were so excited to give the gift of literacy to this class.



## Holmes Grenada partners with local homeschoolers

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus recently collaborated with AIMH (Arrows in the Master’s Hands) Homeschool Group, based out of Grenada. It began when the group

Holmes instructor Sara Pollan, who also serves on the STEM Department’s outreach committee, helped create this partnership.

“Earlier this fall, the AIMH Homeschool Group attended our Arbor Day program at the Holmes Arboretum sponsored by the Grenada Garden Club,” Pollan said. “I spoke with one of the homeschool mothers and we came up with the idea to have students come back onto campus to do some work in the lab.”

English and Foreign Language Co-Chair Amber Mabus coordinated the visit and the students came to Holmes’ lab on Monday, Oct. 17. During the visit, Academic Counselor Cynthia Abel and Coordinator of Academic Programs Dr. Kathryn Cox shared

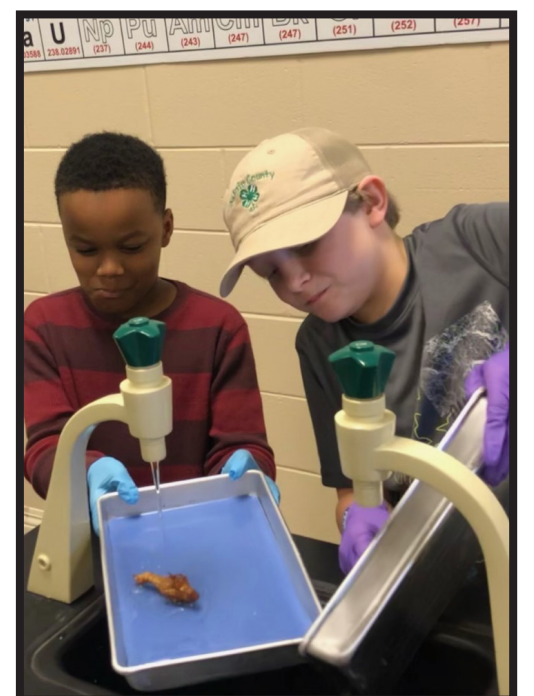


information about Holmes and Pollan shared a redox reaction demonstration called “The Disappearing Pumpkin.” Pollan also taught the students more about arthropods by examining the



external anatomy and dissecting a grasshopper.

The students were sent home with a learning packet that their parents can use to extend their knowledge about



the information learned. Holmes plans to have the homeschool group return to campus two to three times during the spring semester and make the collaboration a recurring event.



Ridgeland STEM department holds Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Contest

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus STEM department held a Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Contest Nov. 28-Dec. 1. Monday was Wear Your Best Santa or Elf Hat Day, Tuesday was Christmas Pajama Day, Wednesday was Ugly Sweater Day and Thursday was Tacky Christmas Day. Everyone who dressed up was tasked with emailing a photo in to biology instructor Jennifer McGehee to be entered in to win. The winners (who each won a \$10 Amazon gift card) were instructors Michelle Dancy, Heather Mooney and Michael Pawlik.



Faculty, staff and students gather in their Santa and elf hats for Day 1 of Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Week.



Michael Pawlik, Jennifer McGehee and Dr. Antoine Gates show off their ugly sweaters.



Faculty, staff and students gather in their Christmas PJs for Day 2 of Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Week.



Faculty, staff and students gather in their Ugly Sweaters for Day 3 of Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Week.



(left to right) Rosalyne Davis, Miranda Burns, Michelle Dancy and Melissa Love pose in their Tacky Christmas for Day 4 of Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Week.



(center) Rosalyne Davis poses with her students (left to right) Austin Elsen and Destiny Jordan in their Tacky Christmas for Day 4 of Christmas Spirit Dress-Up Week.

Musical ensembles perform for the annual Carols of Christmas

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College’s musical ensembles - Holmes Connection!, the Concert Chorale and the Coachmen singers - held three performances of their annual Carols of Christmas event. They performed Nov. 15 and 17 in McDaniel Auditorium on the Goodman Campus and performed Dec. 1 in the Skipworth Performing Arts Center in Kosciusko. Connection! and Coachmen singers are directed by Mike Yates and the Chorale is directed by Drew Trautman.



Connection! performs with a special guest, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.



Chorale Director Drew Trautman performs with his students.



Coachmen singers perform worship songs during Carols of Christmas.



The Concert Chorale performs during Carols of Christmas.



Bulldogs pick up 40-10 win over Southwest on Homecoming 2022 Day

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College sophomore receiver A.J. Davis IV had a big day for the Bulldogs scoring three touchdowns to help lead Holmes to a 40-10 win over the Southwest Mississippi Community College Bears on Homecoming 2022 held Oct. 27.

Holmes ended the season 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the North Division.

The Bulldogs took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when Davis scored from two yards out and Will Carter added the extra point with 3:35 left in the first.

Davis picked up his second score with 1:35 left in the second when he hauled in a 21-yard pass from Philip Short, and a Carter extra point made it 14-0.

The Bulldogs got the ball back late in the first half, and Short found Davis from 42 yards out as the horn blew for half-time. Carter's kick made the score 21-0 at halftime.

Holmes' defense got in the scoring column when Robert Jennings picked up

a fumble and raced in 24 yards for the touchdown. The extra point failed, and Holmes led 27-0 with 14:03 left in the third.

Southwest scored on a field goal with 5:48 left in the third to make the score, 27-3.

Wykece Johnson added a touchdown for the Bulldogs with 4:34 left in the third from 23 yards out. Carter's kick failed, and Holmes led 33-3.

D'Anthony McGlothan hauled in a 13-yard touchdown pass from Short with 10:29 left in the game. Luke Moffett nailed the extra point, and Holmes ended its scoring at 40.

Southwest picked up a touchdown with 6:42 left in the fourth. The extra point was good, and all the scoring was complete.

Short was 20-of-38 for 315 yards and three touchdowns. Jahiem Shack caught two passes for 91 yards while Davis had 75 yards on three catches and two scores. Johnson had eight rushes for 73 yards and



a touchdown.

Yaphet Hearn had seven tackles and one tackle for loss. Maxton Woodward had six tackles and two tackles for loss. Reid Pulliam had five tackles including one sack and two tackles for loss. Laquan Robinson and Chris Walley each had five tackles with Walley adding a half sack and 1.5 tackles for loss. Kabron Purifoy had

four tackles and 1.5 sacks and two tackles for loss. Tony Taylor had three tackles and one tackle for loss. Celeycan Hill added a tackle for loss, Laterrance Cassels had one tackle for loss, Commondre Cole had one sack and one tackle for loss and Ja'Nyus Morgan had one tackle for loss.

Lady Bulldogs receive honors from the MACCC and NJCAA Region 23

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs placed seven players on the All-MACCC team and three on the NJCAA All-Region Team.

Brianna Lopez, Jaycelyn Russ and Rylee Braden were named First Team All-MAC-CC and also were named to the All-Region Team. Olivia Deslatte was named Second Team All-MACCC while Katelin Johnson, Tailynn Rimmel and Abbey Roberts were named Honorable Mention All-MACCC.

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<b>Brianna Lopez</b> First Team	<b>Rylee Braden</b> First Team	<b>Jaycelyn Russ</b> First Team	<b>Olivia Deslatte</b> Second Team
<b>Katelin Johnson</b> Honorable Mention	<b>Abbey Roberts</b> Honorable Mention	<b>Tailynn Rimmel</b> Honorable Mention	

Three Bulldogs recognized by the MACCC

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs placed three players on the All-MACCC team following the men's soccer season.

Honorable mention selections included: Odanci Ndayisaba, Matthew Hackler and Edy Gael.

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<b>Odanci Ndayisaba</b> Honorable Mention	<b>Matthew Hackler</b> Honorable Mention	<b>Edy Gael</b> Honorable Mention



## Lady Bulldogs rolls past Dolphins, 75-50

From Staff Reports/Photos



Ally Alford

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs scored 33 points in the first quarter and rolled to a 75-50 win over Delgado Community College here Monday.

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs went to 7-1 on the season. Holmes hosts Pearl River at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Holmes led 33-10 after one period and 40-24 at halftime. Holmes out-scored Delgado 35-26 in the second

half for the big win.

Ally Alford led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points while Amaijah Smith had 12 and McKinna Smith had 11. Danielle Luckey and Smith each had seven rebounds.

The Lady Bulldogs shot 48.1 percent from the floor (25-of-52), 36.8 percent from the three point line (7-of-19) and 72 percent from the free throw line (18-of-25).



## Bulldogs place 11 on All-MACCC North Division Team; Wood named Co-Coach of the Year for the North

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The Holmes Community College Bulldogs placed 11 members on the All-MACCC North Division Team for the 2022 season. Head Coach Marcus Wood was named Co-Coach of the Year for the North Division.

The Bulldogs, who finished 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the North, had one on the First Team, two on the Second Team and eight on the Honorable Mention list.

On the offensive side, the honorees included: First Team, Philip Short, quarterback, Madison, Madison Central; Second Team, A.J. Davis IV,

receiver, Alcoa, Tenn., Maryville, Tenn. and Luke Moffett, kicker, Amory, Hatley; and Honorable Mention, Jahiem Shack, receiver, Grenada, Grenada; and Robert Cook, offensive line, D'Iberville, D'Iberville and Markel Bell, offensive line, Cleveland, Cleveland Central.

Short finished the season 187-of-317 for 1976 and 15 touchdowns with a 121.9 quarterback rating. Davis caught 54 passes for 681 yards and eight touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs. He also had two rushing touchdowns. Moffett made 6-of-7 field goals and

6-of-6 extra points. Shack had 48 receptions for 509 yards and three touchdowns. Cook and Bell were mainstays along the offensive front for the Bulldogs.

On the defensive side, the honorees included: Honorable Mention, Breon Jordan, linebacker, Philadelphia, Philadelphia and Reid Pulliam, linebacker, Belton, Texas, Life Christian; Laquan Robinson, defensive back, Greenville, Ala., Greenville, Ala. and Jodie Williams, defensive back, Canton, Holmes County Central; and Chris Walley, defensive line, Stateline, Wayne County.

Jordan finished the season with 42 tackles and 4.5 tackles for loss. Pulliam led the Bulldogs with 75 tackles with 11.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks. He also had one interception, two forced fumbles and one recovered fumble. Robinson had 46 tackles, three tackles for loss and one interception. Williams had 46 tackles, one interception and one half tackle for loss. Walley had 40 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks with one forced fumble and two recovered fumbles.

Marcus Wood Co-Coach of the Year	Philip Short First Team, QB	A.J. Davis IV Second Team, WR	Luke Moffett Second Team, PK	Markel Bell Honorable Mention, OL	Robert Cook Honorable Mention, OL
Laquan Robinson Honorable Mention, DB	Breon Jordan Honorable Mention, LB	Reid Pulliam Honorable Mention, LB	Jahiem Shack Honorable Mention, WR	Chris Walley Honorable Mention, DL	Jodie Williams Honorable Mention, DB

## Bulldogs dominate Dolphins, 66-42

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jalen Tatum

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs jumped out early on Monday, Nov. 28 and cruised to a 66-42 win over Delgado Community College.

With the win, the Bulldogs went to 7-1 on the season. Holmes hosts Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Holmes led 36-12 at halftime and the teams tied at 30 in the second half.

Jalen Tatum led the Bulldogs with 16 points while Caleb Campbell and Christian Parks each had 10. Jourdain Dishmond had eight rebounds while Campbell had seven.

The Bulldogs shot 50.9 percent (29-of-57) from the floor and 75 percent (6-of-8) from the free throw line.





## Tiger will NOT tee off this week

By Jacob Duncan  
Staff Reporter



Yesterday, Tiger Woods officially announced that he would not be teeing off in the Hero World Challenge, which is a tournament he hosts annually at Albany Golf Club in Thousand Oaks, California. This PGA tournament happens between Dec. 1- 4 each year.

It is reported during his practicing and preparing for the upcoming tournament, Tiger developed plantar fasciitis in his

right foot. He was experiencing pain in his foot and even said in a press conference, “I can hit whatever shot you want. I just can’t walk.” Although it is not a super serious injury, it is all well known by athletes that it is a nagging injury that comes with age.

It is upsetting for golf fans to see that Tiger is aging as he approaches 47 years of age. Impressively, he holds 15 major golf championships while having 82 PGA Tour event wins. Will Tiger ever perform like he did in his prime? Tiger plans to play in The Match at Pelican Golf Club on Dec. 10, along with the PNC Championship on Dec. 17 -18.



## ‘Stros take the series

By Jacob Duncan  
Staff Reporter



The Houston Astros took home the World Series trophy after defeating the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1 in the sixth game of the series. Although the Phillies had a stacked lineup with stars like Bryce Harper, Rhys Hoskins and JT Realmuto, the Astros seemed to have the hotter bats.

One of the best bats not only in the Astros’ lineup but even in the American League, Yordan Alvarez, helped Houston gain some momentum in game six. Alvarez hit a 3-run home run that sailed 450 feet over the center field wall which

caused the Astros fans to uproar. He hit it off of Philadelphia’s best relief pitcher, Jose Alvarado.

The Rookie shortstop, Jeremy Pena, stood out over the course of the Postseason after batting with an average of .345. He went on to win the World Series MVP after doing that along with four home runs and phenomenal defense. He was the first rookie to hit a home run in the World Series, and the first rookie to win the Rawlings Gold Glove Award.

After cheating allegations of the Astros in recent years, it was a bittersweet moment when they won this year. The Astros’ manager, Dusty Baker, won his first World Series ring after managing for 24 years. It is assumed this would be his last season after winning the championship.



## Lopez named NJCAA First Team All-American

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Holmes Community College freshman midfielder Brianna Lopez of Fort Smith, Ark. has been named NJCAA First Team Women’s Soccer Division II All-American for her play this season for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lopez and the Lady Bulldogs captured the MACCC and NJCAA Region 23 Championships and finished as NJCAA National Champion runners-up. Holmes finished 18-2-3 on the season and stayed in the Top five the entire season and finished the season No. 3

and was the No. 1 seed in the NJCAA Tournament.

She finished the season with 47 points including 15 goals and 17 assists. She was 6-of-7 on penalty kick attempts. She had 99 shots and 56 shots on goal.

For a complete list of All Americans, go to <https://www.njcaa.org/sports/wsoc/2022-23/div2/all-americans/index>.

## Lady Bulldogs improve to 6-1 win over East Central

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs improved to 6-1 on the season with a 71-49 win over East Central Community College on Nov. 14.

East Central led 15-12 after one period, but the Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Warriors, 19-10, in the second period to lead 31-25 at halftime. Holmes then outscored East Central,

40-24, to pull out the win.

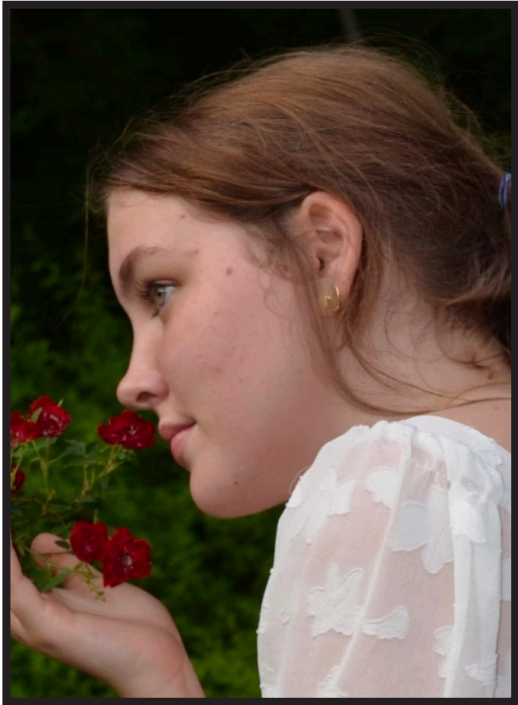
Makenzie Hankins led the Lady Bulldogs with 13 points. Ally Alford followed with 11, Darranya Wright and Danielle Luckey each had 10.

Against South Arkansas in El Dorado, Ark., the Lady Bulldogs won 89-64. Alford led with 17 points, Hankins had 12 and McKinna Smith had 10.





# The Growl Staff



**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.