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Grenada Campus graduates seven from PTA program

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Pictured are the December 2021 PTA graduates. They are *(left to right)* **Jerad Hunt, Katie Pugh, Lindsey McLellan, Rebecca Christian, Tabby Byars, Ashlyn Bloom and Derek Williford.**

The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus held a commencement ceremony for the 2021 Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) students on Dec. 1. Graduates included Ashlyn Bloom, Tabby Byars, Rebecca Christian, Jerad Hunt, Lindsey McLellan, Katie Pugh and Derek Williford. The program is led by PTA Director Meg King.

During the ceremony, Hunt and Pugh both received awards. Hunt was named valedictorian for having the highest GPA in the class and he received the Leadership Award. Pugh was honored with the Clinician Skills Award as well as the Community Service Award.

“This class has been through a lot of adversity,” King said. “They started and ended in the Covid pandemic. They navigated PTA school online for

a semester. They have persevered and are reaching for their dreams. They are each very unique and have their own talents and gifts. Collectively, they are a family. OUR family. We can’t wait to see where their journeys lead.”

The mission of the program 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 PTA program prepare graduates to assist physical therapists in various healthcare settings.

A new cohort of students selected for the two-year program begin each year in January. For more information, contact King at (662) 227-2379 or myking@holmescc.edu.

Holmes holds Holiday Open House at Kosciusko HealthPlex

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College held a ribbon cutting and open house on Thursday morning for the newly renovated HealthPlex in Kosciusko.

The College renovated and opened the facility in June 2020 but completed another phase of renovation to an additional portion of the building to increase offerings to the community.

The HealthPlex is located in the old Swoll’s Gym on Highway 12 in Kosciusko. The business closed and sat empty for a while before the college recognized the need for a workout facility for Kosciusko and the surrounding areas.

“For years, local residents found the HealthPlex a hub for physical and mental well-being. It was a part of life for so many. Sadly, when Jeff (the owner of Swoll’s gym and a proud Holmes graduate) passed away and the gym closed, a little part of the community died also. So many people desperately wanted someone to reopen the HealthPlex.” Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey said. “So we started making some inquiries to see if there were any other individuals in town who would want to open the gym. In reality, the barriers for entry were really steep for

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Holmes awarded grant for The STEM Major Project

From Staff Reports/Photos



The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Holmes Community College a \$2.76 million grant to enhance Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) offerings.

The multifaceted purpose of the grant includes strengthening outreach efforts, expanding educational opportunities, and supporting financial means to serve the academic needs of students. The STEM Major Project was developed by Holmes to renovate STEM facilities with cutting-edge technology while incorporating activities and programs promoting STEM awareness. A culmination of these collaborative efforts will aid in increasing enrollment and completion of STEM-related degrees offered at Holmes to advance the

ongoing success of its students.

“This is an excellent opportunity for us to leverage federal grant dollars with private donations and college funds to do amazing work for our students and faculty,” said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. “Holmes students deserve the best facilities, instructors and equipment in the state, and we are committed to making sure our future Mississippi leaders have all the tools they need to be successful. We can’t wait to get to work on making these improvements.”

The Holmes Development Foundation recognizes the outcomes set forth by

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The Petito Case: A tragedy with a lesson

By Callie Pope
Staff Reporter



Many people across the world have been keeping up with the Gabby Petito case. This case has been ongoing since July of 2021. Petito and her fiancé Brian Laundrie were traveling in a van together on a four-month trip visiting and camping at national parks. They planned to sleep in their van and document their trip on different social media platforms including Instagram and YouTube. On Aug. 12, Petito and Laundrie were pulled over for disorderly conduct. Someone nearby reported seeing a confrontation between Gabby and Brian and called 911. Bodycam videos showed Petito crying and upset. The police report states that Petito hit

Laundrie, but no arrest was made. The couple was separated that night. Laundrie got a hotel while Petito stayed in the van. A few days later on Aug.19, Petito and Laundrie posted a video on YouTube called “Van Life: Beginning Our Van Life Journey” where the couple were seen laughing and kissing. On Aug. 24, they were both seen leaving a hotel in Salt Lake City. The next day the van was spotted at Grand Teton National Park. Here are where things started to get suspicious, on Aug. 27, Petito’s mother received an odd text from Gabby. Then on Aug. 29, a well-known TikToker, Miranda Baker made a post claiming she picked up Laundrie, who was hitchhiking alone. The next day Petito’s mother received another strange text from Petito which read, “No service in Yosemite”. On September first, Laundrie re-

turned home to North Port, Florida, where he lived with Petito, but he was alone. On Sept. 11 Gabby was reported missing. Gabby’s mother filed a missing person’s report with the Suffolk County Police. On Sept. 13, Laundries’ parents tell police that Brain left the family’s home for a hike in the Carlton Reserve in Florida. On Sept. 15 Laundrie was identified as a person of interest in the Petito case. The next day police ask for the public’s help in finding Petito and Laundrie. Sadly after a few days of searching for Gabby, her remains were found near Grand Teton National Park, where the van was previously spotted. The remains were confirmed to be Gabby’s on Sept. 21 and her death was ruled a homicide. On Sept. 23 an arrest warrant was issued for Laundrie. After a month of searching for Laundrie, on Oct 20 what appeared to be human remains were found at the site where they were searching for Laundrie. The next day



Pictured are Gabby Petito and Brian Laundrie. Photo from MSNBC.com.

the FBI confirmed that the human remains found, belonged to Brian Laundrie. As the police were searching for Laundrie, six additional bodies were discovered. This case helped other families find their closure which was a blessing. As sad as this case was, it goes to show that you always have to keep your guard up and if you are being harmed, please let someone that you trust know.

Remembrance for the Oxford victims

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



Thanksgiving is a time to be filled with joy and thankfulness. Five days after Thanksgiving, 15-year-old Ethan Crumbley would replace those good feelings with fear. On Nov. 30, Crumbley opened fired on students and teachers at Oxford High School in Michigan. The night before, there is video evidence that Crum-

bley talked about killing his classmates. More evidence was released that he had a notebook outlining his plans of the shooting and his father actually bought the 9mm Sig Sauer SP on Black Friday. This is enough to come to the conclusion that it was, in fact, premeditated. Even though there was not a clear motive, some sources said that he was “bullied.” School officials have cleared that by stating that there was no record of Crumbley being bullied. Students of the high school have videos of the shooter pretending to be a cop, trying to lure them

out of the room. While they were trying to listen to the way he was talking, they realized that is it was the shooter and they proceeded to escape through the window. In the hallway, 16-year-old football player Tate Myre, tried to disarm the shooter, but this caused Crumbley to shoot and kill Myre along with three other victims. The shooting left four students dead and seven injured, including one a teacher. Crumbley was taken into custody and prosecuted as an adult. His charges include: terrorism causing death, four counts

of first-degree murder, attempted murder and felony firearm. This is truly a tragedy and is even ranked the deadliest school shooting in the United States since the Santa Fe High School in 2018. Four lives were lost and those students will be remembered. Let’s take a moment to remember the following victims: Tate Myre, 16, Hana St. Juliana,14, Madisyn Baldwin,17, and Justin Shilling,17. The nation will be praying for all of the loved ones that have lost or been affected by this horrible tragedy.

The fashion reminder

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



Finally! We are back with another article about fashion. We are now getting into the colder months of 2021. For the past couple of years, we have seen some bizarre trends but now fashion has taken a turn for the better.

This particular year we have some trends that you might want to try out. Let us take a look at these trends: Just like in 2020, we have seen the matrix/leather look that started to show just a little bit. Now in 2021, we are going to see leatherier looks make a person look even more attractive. Doc Martens and chunky platform boots are in trend this fall/winter. Just like the Matrix look, Bratz Doll fashion is also back this year. For the

second trend blazers and trench coats are necessary for the next couple of months. For the past couple of years, the trend of puffer coats and bomber jackets have been big within the fashion world. Since the major change from light to dark, it is the trench coat time to shine. Lastly, the last things are the assorted color trends. Just like 2020, this year will be big on neutrals as wells. Even though this fall/winter will be big on neutrals, it will have pastels



The new variant

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



We all dread hearing it, but a new COVID variant has arrived in the US. The Omicron variant had a rapid spread in South Africa and has now made its way to 38

different countries. The first case in the U.S. was found in California on Wednesday, Dec. 1, and now has been confirmed in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Colorado, New York, New Jersey and Maryland. Some of the people who have been tested and caught the Omicron variant have been vaccinated, but some did not receive the booster shot yet. Even with the Omicron variant out, the

Delta variant is still a daily issue. New strains, as well as the original COVID-19 virus still around, have made traveling really strict. On Thursday, Dec. 2, President Joe Biden announced that all passengers must show proof of a negative COVID-19 test within one day of flying into the U.S., regardless of their vaccination status or nationality.

The new rule, which went into effect Monday, Dec. 6, expands that one-day requirement to all vaccinated travelers coming into the U.S. from other countries. As soon as we think that this pandemic is behind this, we get another slap in the face. This is a friendly reminder to be safe, disinfect and mask up.

2021 surpasses 2020 homicide record for Jackson

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



The year 2021 is now officially the deadliest year in Jackson’s history, surpassing 2020’s homicide record. The record was broken Friday evening, Dec. 3. A sad ending to a year it is

becoming. This made 129 homicides so far this year with one month left to go. Last year, once the deadliest in Jackson’s history, ended with 128 homicides in the capital city. Before 2020, the year 1995 had the most homicides in Jackson with 92 followed by 1994 with 91. There was a noticeable spike in homicides between 2019 and 2020, with 83 homicides in the year 2019 and 84 in 2018. Another record

was also broken in June of 2021, which became the deadliest month in Jackson history with 17. Of the 17 killed, nine were below the age of 30. Many are proposing to bring in the National Guard for safety. Many of my loved ones have lost loved ones to the murders happening in the area. One could question will there ever be peace. For more information, visit wlbt.com.



Metal detectors in schools

By Callie Pope
Staff Reporter



In America, there have been over 30 school shootings this year with injuries or deaths. This is unacceptable with the amount of upscale technology our world

has today. The first school shooting occurred the morning of Oct. 1, 1997, in Pearl. Since then, America has seen over 230 school shootings.

School shootings are usually always done by a student that attends the school. This makes it easier for them to have access to a large group of people without being alarmed. No one ever expects their school to have a school shooting, but times have changed, requiring rules and other safety precautions to change. Schools are now starting to have school shooting drills where the school is on lockdown and students and teachers practice what they would do in a case of a school shooting. Yes, this helps some but not always if the person carrying out the shooting is a student that knows where everyone would be. Other actions must be taken to stop these tragedies from happening.

A popular trend seen with most school shootings is the warning signs. Most of the time, just like the recent Oxford High School shooting, the shooting was previously talked about, written about and posted about on

social media. Just hours before the shooting occurred, Ethan Crumbly was seen drawing pictures of a gun pointing at the words “The thoughts won’t stop. Help me.” The school quickly had a meeting with Ethan and his parents and was told to get him into counseling within 48 hours. The Crumbleys and the school staff both failed to check his backpack and he returned to class, later carrying out a tragic school shooting killing four students and injuring many others. This could have all been avoided had the school placed stricter rules and regulations concerning the drawings seen and if metal detectors were in place.

Students should not have to fear for their lives in school. School should be a fun, safe, learning environment for all. Schools do not have enough time to go through and check everyone’s backpack daily. Metal detectors should be placed at all doors in schools, this way no one could enter the school with a gun or knife. Risky ideas, like arming teachers could make matters worse. An armed teacher cannot, in a moment under extreme stress and confusion, transform into a trained officer. Other consequences include a teacher carrying out a school shooting or a student gaining access to the gun. Some actions have been taken to prevent school shootings from happening. I think the main action that could prevent school shootings from happening would be requiring all schools in America have metal detectors.

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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



The following items are required for admission to Holmes Community College: 1) A current, complete application for admission; 2) First-time freshmen must submit an official high school transcript from a regionally accredited high school showing the graduation date, type of diploma, and signature of the high school official and it must be submitted from the high school to the Admissions Office or delivered in a sealed school envelope. Students who complete high school with an Occupational Diploma, a Certificate of Attendance, or the equivalent will not be admitted into the College. Students who obtain the General Educational Development (GED), the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) credential must have an official GED, HiSET, or TASC transcript sent to the college from an official testing center or GED state office; and 3) Transfer students must submit an official transcript from any regionally accredited college attended or any documentation accepted for a First-Time Freshman.

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

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Being a voice major at Holmes

By Lakesia Smith
Staff Reporter



Many have asked what it is like to be a voice major at Holmes. Some think all it takes is to just sing, well I can assure you it is more than just that.

I began singing at the age of 5 in the church. Church singing is much different than choral singing. In church, you can holler, sing the wrong notes and breathe the wrong way. Choral music is much more formal and distinguished.

My first voice lesson was when I was 12 years old. I made up my mind I wanted to be an opera singer. I thought all I had to do was sing, but I was

wrong. I had to learn breathing techniques, foreign literature, how to play the piano, how to read music and so much more. My voice is my instrument and my teachers taught me I had to treat it delicately.

When I came back to school, Mr. Benny Edwards was the choral director. I did not care for him at first but as months passed by we grew into a relationship. I trusted him with my voice to train it and mature it. Over the three-year span, he has taught me I have grown vocally and I owe a great deal to him. He will not be returning in the next semester but I will cherish and remember every lesson he has taught me not only in music but in life. Being a voice major at Holmes has been the best years of my life.

Astroworld Disaster

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



Travis Scott’s Astroworld Music Festival disaster on Nov. 5 has led him to be under a lot of heat. The festival is supposed to be a fun experience for music lovers to vibe and thrive, but, instead, the night ended in eight deaths, 300 plus injuries and 25 arrests.

Some of the injuries were caused by a drug-spiking purge that led to victims becoming unconscious, but the majority were due to people being trampled on.

I have my own thoughts about the whole incident because a lot of individuals are claiming that it is not his fault that all

these people died.
On one hand, I do agree.
Despite the theories that the festival was a “satanic ritual/cult/sacrifice,” I don’t think it was planned. Now looking at some videos and reading some articles, I believe that he could have done one simple thing. He could have easily stopped the show. In one video that was leaked out, a girl who was near the stage had passed out and he stopped performing and asked her if she was okay. But then, when a whole bunch of chaos happened in the back of the crowd and people were shouting to stop the show, he didn’t. He continued performing.

There have been statements such as “Oh he didn’t know” and “He probably didn’t see them.”

First of all, the man was on a platform.

Second of all, I know for a fact that he was not that “turnt up” to not see the ambulance and police driving through the crowd.

With all that happening, the day after, he made a video statement apologizing for the tragedy from the previous night. On one hand I want to be thankful that he was man enough to take ownership of it, but what rubbed me wrong is what he said.

He stated that he would pay for all of the victims’ funerals and refund everyone’s ticket money.

It was a really gracious offer, in my opinion, and I think he needs to do whatever time and take whatever charge they give him. In this case, money can get the bills paid, but money cannot bring back someone’s child, mother, father, etc.



New Sports Bistreaux Opens in Ridgeland

By Callie Pope
Staff Reporter



Walk-On’s founders Brandon Landry and Jack Warner became friends as a pair of walk-ons on the Louisiana State University basketball team. Both worked hard and practiced even harder but without a lot of true playing time, they were able to discover that their shared interests and hopes were beyond the basketball court.

While still playing for LSU, Landry and Warner were able to travel the country coming across some of the best restaurants and sports bars. Their idea began to take shape on a plane as they sketched their vision for a floor plan on the back of a napkin while their team flew home from a game in Tennessee. Despite having little business experience and little money, Landry and Warner were determined to make their dream sports bar come true. After a lot of hard work and dedication, Landry and Warner opened for business on Sept. 9, 2003 in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana.
Since opening their sports bar, NFL All-Pro Quarterback Drew Brees joined the Walk-On’s team as co-owner. Today there are over 100 locations across 15 states. Here in Mississippi, there are two locations, one in Hattiesburg and one right here in Ridgeland! Walk-On’s offers a variety a Ccajun style foods from boom boom shrimp, boudin balls and alligator as starters to various wraps, salads, tacos, seafood, sandwiches and much more.



Toxic Energy

By Tymer Reynolds
Staff Reporter



Have you ever been in a very poisonous environment or relationship? Toxic relationships come in many forms but there is only one I am going to talk about today. Family toxicity is a very common thing that happens within families. We all have

a family member who will do and say things to upset you or make you feel small. That is not okay, and you should cut off said family members. I will tell you a story about a toxic family.
I knew a girl once, and her name was Gwynneth and she was an all-around great girl. She came from an amazing household with her parents and a bunch of siblings. Gwynneth was a moody and emotional kid just like most teenagers. She wanted to do right

by her parents, and listen to everything they said. She looked up to her dad the most, and sought his approval. That whole idea came crashing down, however, after her seventh grade year. She ended up being abused emotionally and psychologically by the same person she looked up too. For most of her life she kept the mindset of impressing him and maybe he’ll back off, but he never did. Gwynneth had to learn to stand up for herself and others who

were going through the same situation she was in. She cut off the people who were toxic in her life even if it was her own parents.
If you are ever in a toxic relationship or have family member who make you feel worthless, cut them off, and start the healing from the pain and trauma you’ve endured.



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a lot of people to afford and take it on and put the money into it so it continued to sit vacant. That was unfortunate because it had so much potential and sits at the entrance to our city.

“We kept looking at it and crunching the numbers, and we said let’s give it a try,” he said. “We bought it, renovated it, and we think it looks fantastic. We’ve had dozens of people come up to us and thank us for reopening the gym. I think a community like this needs a place to congregate, build relationships and most importantly be healthy, and so we are super excited to be able to do this in Kosciusko. We appreciate the support. We have well over 500 members now, and so it’s a good investment for us.”

Kosciusko Attala Partnership Executive Director Darren Milner and Kosciusko Mayor Tim Kyle were also on hand for ceremony.

“On behalf of the Kosciusko Attala Partnership and the City of Kosciusko, we would like to thank Dr. Haffey, his staff and Holmes Community College for the investment in our community, your support of Kosciusko through the Attala Center and this HealthPlex,”

Milner said. “I’m not alone when I say it takes a vision for growth, great relationships, networking and a lot of work to bring ideas to reality and Holmes saw a need, found the place and now our community can be very excited that we get to enjoy the many benefits that the Holmes HealthPlex has and will continue to offer.”

“I wanted to extend a thank you to Dr. Haffey and Holmes Community College for expanding their footprint in our community,” Kosciusko Mayor Tim Kyle said. “Holmes has had an academic facility in Kosciusko for a long time, and they offer vocational training for our residents looking to start new careers. Now with Holmes HealthPlex they offer an affordable choice for not only education but also to keep our bodies healthy. Thank you for the great things that Holmes has done in the past and we know there will more to come.”

Justin Wilcher has also opened J’s Coffee next to the HealthPlex. “We are very excited Mr. Wilcher has opened the coffee shop adjacent to it, and I think it’s a perfect fit,” said Haffey.

HealthPlex Information

The facility is managed by Sandy Palmertree. She can be reached at (662) 290-6035 or at spalmertree@holmescc.edu. Her office hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday.

Once a membership is paid, a patron can utilize the facility 24 hours a day.

The HealthPlex has treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes (recumbent and upright), stairclimber, arc trainer and water rowing machines. It also has multiple weight machines from light to heavy training. There are also squat racks and a smith machine for our heavy lifters and a dumbbell rack with weights ranging from 5-120 lbs.

In the most recent renovated area, there is a new turf area with a sled to push, battle ropes, and plenty of space to use steps and medicine balls for every training need. Spin bikes have been added as well complete with a 70-inch TV with an app guided workout when lessons are not being held.

There are also balance balls, resistance bands, and small dumbbells to provide a well-rounded training sessions. Mats are available as needed.

A Pilates class is held on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and a spin class is offered on Tuesday and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m., Tuesday afternoon at 4:30-5:15 p.m. and Thursday at 4-4:45 p.m.

Memberships are available to Holmes students, faculty/staff and to the general public.

Rates include: individual, three months prepaid,\$90; six months prepaid, \$150; 12 months prepaid, \$300; or 12 month contract, \$25/month; family of two, three months prepaid, \$165; six months prepaid, \$285; 12 months prepaid, \$585; or 12 month contract, \$45/month; family of three, three months prepaid, \$240; six months prepaid, \$420; 12 months prepaid, \$870 or 12 month contract, \$60/month; family of four, 12 month contract, \$85/month.

The student rate is \$45 per class semester and \$30 for the summer. Faculty/staff can use the facility for free. Faculty and stuff must present their Holmes ID when joining the facility.

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The STEM Major Project to be achievable, successful and promising. STEM students will be inspired by the grant’s forward-thinking revisions and strategies to impact the awareness of opportunities in STEM educational programs as well as have an important impact on students gaining access to quality opportunities for personal growth and understanding in the STEM fields.

In support of the efforts to enrich and

diversify the college’s STEM provisions, the grant will annually match \$100,000 of donations given to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation on behalf of The STEM Major Project. The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) organization, will be allowed to utilize interest from the annual \$100,000 matching endowment to enhance the areas of STEM, including scholarships for underrepresent-

ed students and all other students as well as provide ongoing essential items for the STEM Divisions, such as instructional equipment and supplies.

Overall, the leading projections in The STEM Major Project will secure the practicality of activities set forth by the STEM divisions to become an innovative leader among Mississippi’s fifteen public community colleges, paving the way for Holmes students to have parallel proficien-

cies to successfully proclaim employment in the highly-competitive STEM occupations.

Please contact the Holmes Development Foundation office at (662)472-9017 to discuss giving opportunities for the matching grant or visit <https://holmescc-alumni.360alumni.com/campaign/452/the-stem-major-project/>.

Ridgeland student chosen for Get2College scholarship

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jon Stegall

Holmes Community College student Jon Stegall of Madison was chosen for the Get2College intern scholarship program in partnership with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Stegall, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter, will receive a \$5,000 scholarship during the 2021-2022 academic year. As an intern, he will volunteer for a minimum of 10 hours per week with the Get2College staff to increase FAFSA completions.

“Phi Theta Kappa is proud to partner with the Woodward Hines Education Foundation and Get2College to ad-

minister this opportunity for Phi Theta Kappa members,” said Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tinchler-Ladner. “The Woodward Hines Education Foundation and Get2College assist high school students and their families with navigating the complex financial aid process by supporting their FAFSA completion efforts.”

The son of Denise and Greg Stegall, Stegall is an electrical engineering major on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. In addition to his involvement in Phi Theta Kappa and his Get2College

internship, he is also a member of the STEM Club.

Phi Theta Kappa recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders.

For more information, contact the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship team at 601-987-5741 or scholarships@ptk.org.

For more information about the Get2College program, visit <https://get2college.org/>.

Phi Theta Kappa raises money for Grenada Pavilion Project

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is working to add a new element to the Grenada Campus by building an outdoor cypress pavilion. This student-led effort will help provide funding for the pavilion that will give both faculty and students a space to use for events or just a quiet place to sit between classes. It will also provide

space for the community who utilize the campus walking trail.

So far, \$10,000 has been raised, which is 17 percent of the total goal of \$60,000. For more information about this project, contact Phi Theta Kappa Adviser Cynthia Abel at cabel@holmescc.edu.

Holmes ensembles host Carols of Christmas concert

*From Staff Reports
Photos by David Irby*

On Thursday, Dec. 2, Holmes Community College hosted the annual Carols of Christmas concert in MC-Daniel Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. The performance featured the Holmes CC Concert Chorale, directed by Benny Edwards and accompanied by Dr. Donna Banks, and the Holmes Connection! and Coachmen Singers, directed by Mike Yates.



BRIM Inc. presents to forestry and wildlife students

From Staff Reports/Photos



Forestry and wildlife students on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus are reaching new heights with drone technologies thanks to George Banzhaf of BRIM Inc. Banzhaf's company specializes in remote sensing research and drone mapping applications.

Students visited Old Mountain Outdoor Adventures of Winona to see the technology in action. For more information check out <http://brim-solutions.com> and <http://www.omoams.com>.

Ridgeland SGA holds canned food drive

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Ridgeland Campus Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a canned food drive for Sunnybrook Children's Home from November through Dec. 2. Holmes students, faculty and staff were invited to participate.

As an incentive, each can donated

counted as an entry towards winning a gift card to a local restaurant. Alice Watson, a member of the Holmes housekeeping staff, won the gift card.

For more information about Ridgeland SGA, contact Amanda Lindsey at alindsey@holmescc.edu.

Pictured are (left) SGA members (left to right) Anna Goodloe, Jon Dylan Wilcher and Grace Goodloe.

Culinary Arts program feeds Sunnybrook residents on Thanksgiving

From Staff Reports/Photos



On Monday, Nov. 22, the Holmes Community College Culinary Arts Program provided a Thanksgiving meal for residents of Sunnybrook

Children's Home. Under the guidance of Instructor/Program Director Chef Alexei Harrison, the program operates out of the Woods Williams Complex

on Sunnybrook's campus. This is the second year Holmes has offered this program.

"So many of our youth struggle to find reason to be thankful during the holiday seasons," said Sunnybrook Children's Home Executive Director Myrle Grate. "The Holmes Culinary Arts program's generosity has helped to create a true spirit thankfulness and community for Sunnybrook and our young people."

Chef Harrison said that the idea to serve at Sunnybrook began when the restaurant that normally caters the Sunnybrook Thanksgiving wasn't able to this year.

"The Holmes Culinary Arts program currently leases the Sunnybrook kitchen, so I thought why not do a Thanksgiving meal allowing us to serve the staff and residents of Sunnybrook Children's Home?" Chef Harrison said. "I first reached out to my

culinary arts students and asked if they would be willing to help since they would be out on Thanksgiving break. They unanimously volunteered as well as many of the Holmes Community College family, neighbors and local churches.

"Volunteers from three counties graciously donated their favorite dishes allowing us to do a huge potluck dinner," Chef Harrison said. "The best thing about doing potluck is the culmination and comradery of sharing family favorites and recipes. The Holmes culinary arts students prepared complementary dishes and beverages while also serving the guests. We couldn't be more excited and grateful for the outpouring of support to make this the best Thanksgiving ever for our friends at Sunnybrook!"

For more information about the Culinary Arts Program, contact Chef Harrison at amharrison@holmescc.edu.

Job Search Skills class and Culinary Arts team up

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Ridgeland Campus instructor Rachel Bickerstaff and her Job Search Skills class teamed up with the Culinary Arts Program for a "Meet and Greet" held at the Woods Williams Complex at Sunnybrook Children's Home on Nov. 18.

Students in the Job Search Skills class enjoyed refreshments prepared by the Culinary Arts students while speaking with administrators/staff

about their future plans. This event teaches the students networking skills.

The Culinary Arts program is led by Chef Alexei Harrison and is in its second year.

For more information about Bickerstaff's Job Search Skills class, contact her at rbickerstaff@holmescc.edu.

For more information on the Culinary Arts program contact Chef Harrison at amharrison@holmescc.edu.

Marcus Wood named Holmes' new head football coach

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Holmes Community College has named Marcus Wood as the new head football coach effective Nov. 5.

Wood spent nine seasons on the East Mississippi football coaching staff. During this time, the Lions compiled a nine-year overall record of 87-12 (.879) and 51-3 (.944) division mark during his time on staff and claimed three NJCAA national championships, five MACJC state titles, eight North Division crowns and participated in five NJCAA bowl games winning all of those.

While serving as the Lions' Offensive Coordinator, Wide Receivers Coach, and Head Coach In Waiting, Wood was instrumental in directing EMCC's talent-laden offensive teams that annually rated among the NJCAA's highest-scoring units with an average of 50+ points per game.

Wood comes to Holmes after serving as Executive Director of College Advancement and Athletics at East Mississippi Community College since January 2017. In this role, he worked with EMCC's alumni and foundation efforts and also worked directly with the athletic programs at EMCC.

Wood is no stranger to Holmes football serving as a volunteer coach during the 1996 season when the Bulldogs finished as state runners-up after winning the North Division.

"I had a chance to see how to run a program and how to help kids achieve their dreams of playing at a high level," Wood said during his time at Holmes. "I knew it was a special place. To get the chance to return and have the opportunity to rebuild a storied program is such an awesome opportunity.

Holmes President Jim Haffey is excited about the hire. "We expect Holmes Community College to be a state and national leader in everything we do. I am confident that Marcus Wood is the coach that is going to accomplish that in football. I think he is one of the most experienced and talented community college coaches in the nation, and I am fired up that he is joining the Holmes family. Football

is a big part of a college environment, and our students and community deserve a team we can all be proud of. Holmes is committed to ensuring that we do all things in the classroom and on the athletic field at the highest level."

"To get the chance to work with young people and help them excel on and off the field is also something that I felt like was too great to pass up," Wood said. "As far as pluses go, it is a great opportunity to coach and teach kids in a place that is passionate about the game. I feel like the commitment from the administration to bring this program back to prominence far exceeds any minuses that anyone could throw our way. You cannot help but be excited when you think about the possibilities of us building this program back where it should be. I have a strong desire to work with young people and watch them succeed. I want to bring a passion and a high energy level with me. We want to chase lofty goals and strive to make these guys better. I feel very passionate about the opportunity that's in front of us."

At EMCC, he worked with seven NJCAA All-America quarterbacks, including 2011 NJCAA Offensive Player of the Year and former Ole Miss starter Bo Wallace and seven All-Region 23 wide receivers.

Wood is known for his offensive scheme at East Mississippi, but being a head coach is nothing new to Wood after serving as a head coach in the high school ranks for 10 years.

"I have been heavy as an offensive guy at the collegiate level, but I played safety in college and started out as a defensive coordinator and special teams coach at Meridian High School," Wood said. "I switched over to the head coaching role for seven years in high school and of course had to assume that role in MACJC competition for a couple of games (Holmes and Jones) during the 2015 season when our head coach was suspended. I feel like surrounding myself with a quality support staff is a huge key and I'm excited to assemble that group which should allow me to maintain an emphasis on offense and help in paying attention to the overall program.

"Strengths that I've tried to have in the past are usually dealing with the care that you have for others," he said. "I've been very blessed individually for a long time, but if it's just about you as an individual then that is a hollow form of success. Again, people are the key to great organizations....how you treat them, how you care for them and how you help them. I believe as a person, we should all help others and I want to be part of this opportunity and help kids obtain their goals. I hope that

the student-athletes that I coach and that I have coached always know that I care about them first."

He said that Holmes' family atmosphere was important in his decision.

"Holmes is a family that cares about each other," Wood said. "I have had the blessing of raising my three sons and my family played a vital role in that. I think you can see when a family or a group cares and pulls for each other. It is truly an awesome sight. That sense of unity is unique and powerful. That sense of unity and togetherness is what we want others to see in us."

Having the right people is the key to a successful program, and he plans to do just that.

"Great recruiters, strong support from the top to the bottom and a passionate fan base (is key)," Wood said. "So much attributed to our success in Scooba. No one person did it alone; we had so many passionate supporters who made it possible. The culture was built by a desire to excel and whether you are in Goodman, Scooba or any small town, you need to realize that your drive and desire can open doors for you.

"Your passion can help you climb to new heights," he said. "We need great support, great focus and great effort, and we know that. Again surrounding yourself with great people that are like-minded in their pursuit of excellence will usually shift a culture and help you to establish a bright future."

What can Holmes players and fans expect from Bulldog football?

"Offenses, defenses and specialty groups are only as good as the people that wear those uniforms," he said. "I won't score a point or make a tackle but we will recruit hard, put together close knit groups who are excited about being there. We don't want to simply compete, we want to excel. Our style of play will be fast and aggressive. We will expect that if you play here."

Wood has 10 years in the Mississippi high school ranks where he served two years (2006-07) as head football coach at Gulfport High School. Prior to Gulfport, he coached three seasons at Columbia High School having three straight (2003-05) Class 3A state playoff appearances and Philadelphia High School, where he went to back-to-back (2001-02) state playoff berths. He was an assistant at Meridian for three years making the 5A playoffs each season and claimed a share of the 2000 Region 3-5A championship. At Columbia, he also served as the assistant powerlifting coach. At Philadelphia and Meridian, he was the assistant track coach.

A 1996 summa cum laude graduate in elementary education from Missis-

sippi State University, Wood returned to his alma mater to complete his master's degree in sports administration while serving as a graduate assistant on Jackie Sherrill's MSU football coaching staff.

After volunteering at Holmes, he got his first full-time football coaching job on Hall of Famer Tom Goode's 1997 EMCC coaching staff as the Lions' running backs coach.

Wood's initial stay on the Scooba Campus came as a two-year strong safety for Coach Goode's EMCC Lions. As a sophomore in 1993, he garnered MACJC All-State/North Division honors on the gridiron and NJCAA All-Academic accolades in the classroom. He was inducted into the EMCC Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

After initially signing with Pennsylvania-based Bucknell University, out of the Patriot League, Wood concluded his collegiate playing career at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Wood said being a head coach in the MACCC is special to him.

"I had a great opportunity to play for Tom Goode in the early 90's at EMCC," Wood said. "It is truly a special league because the focus is as Coach Goode always said, 'Books and Ball.' We have a chance to work with young people in a challenging game environment and we have a chance to better them from a classroom standpoint.

"Whether you are a traditional or a technical student this league opens doors where other places fail," he said. "It is highly competitive league and it allows these young men to grow. Getting to come back to Holmes where I started out as a volunteer and now have an opportunity as the head football coach is a great example of the American dream. I can truly say, like the sign that used to hang in the end zone said, 'There's no place like Holmes.'"

He is a member of the Mississippi Association of Coaches, American Football Coaches Association, National Education Association and the Mississippi Association of Educators. Honors include: National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, President's List, member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Golden Key National Honor Society, summa cum laude graduate and MSU Student Teacher of the Year.

Wood has three sons – Marc, Parker and Will. Marc is an insurance agent with Farm Bureau in Desoto County. Parker played both soccer and baseball at Holmes but now is a member of the East Mississippi baseball team. Will is a senior at Southeast Lauderdale.

Men's soccer named Tom Shepherd Sportsmanship Award recipients

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College men's soccer team received the Tom Shepherd Sportsmanship Award for the 2021 season.

Each year the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) head coaches vote on the team that best embodies sportsmanship.

Tom Shepherd was the head soccer

coach at Hinds Community College from 1988-1999. Shepherd was a tremendously impactful soccer coach throughout the state of Mississippi and worked tirelessly to promote junior college soccer.

The men's soccer team is coached by Matt Convertino.

Bo Wallace joins staff as quarterbacks coach

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College has added former Ole Miss quarterback and Juco standout at East Mississippi Bo Wallace as the new quarterbacks coach.

Wallace joins Holmes’ staff after serving as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Pearl River this past season. He was at Coahoma and East Mississippi prior to going to Pearl River.

In 2019, Wallace was the associate head coach and offensive coordinator at Fayette Ware in Somerville, Tennessee, and was a catalyst for the Wildcats’ turnaround season. The year before, FWHS won just two games, scoring just five points per game. Wallace’s Wildcats improved to 8-2 and scored 30 points per game. Wallace also took over as the head coach of the junior high squad, gaining valuable head coach experience.

Wallace took over as offensive coordinator at his alma mater, Giles County in Pulaski, Tennessee, in 2018, and was able to implement his offense for the first time. The Bobcats finished 6-4, scoring a whopping 54 touchdowns and averaged 286.7 passing

yards per game. GCHS also rushed for 1,419 yards and 20 scores. Once again coaching his younger brother, Bryce threw for 2,627 yards and 30 touchdowns.

Wallace made his Mississippi JUCO coaching debut in 2017, returning to EMCC as the Lions’ quarterback coach and assistant strength and conditioning coach.

The Lions posted an 11-1 record that season and defeated Arizona Western to claim the NJCAA Championship — Wallace’s second national title as a Lion. In addition to learning the ropes as a recruiter, Wallace’s QBs passed for 3,045 yards and 21 touchdowns while completing 61.7 percent of their passes.

In 2016, Wallace got his first chance to coach on the offensive side of the ball as quarterback coach at Marshall County High in Lewisburg, Tennessee. Additionally, Wallace got to coach Bryce — then a sophomore — for the first time. While cutting his teeth as an offensive strategist that season, Wallace’s Tigers went 13-2. The quarterback play was a big reason for their success as Bryce completed 71.8 percent of his passes for 31 touchdowns.

Wallace got his coaching start in 2015 at The Episcopal School of Dallas (Texas), leading the defensive backs.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining the coaching ranks, Wallace was a record-setting quarterback at Ole Miss from 2012-14 under the guidance of head coach Hugh Freeze.

Wallace made an immediate impact, leading Ole Miss to a 6-6 mark and its first bowl appearance in three seasons. Wallace started every game of his Ole Miss career and was the first Reb QB

since Romaro Miller (1998-2000) to lead the school to three straight bowl games. Additionally, Wallace helped lead Ole Miss to its most regular season wins since 2003, highest ranking since 1964, and first ever win over the nation’s No. 1 team, a thrilling 23-17 victory over Alabama in 2014.

As a sophomore in 2012, Wallace passed for 2,994 yards and 22 touchdowns and also rushed for 390 and eight TDs. He later earned the Conerly Trophy, given annually to Mississippi’s top college football player. Ole Miss punctuated the turnaround season with a Compass Bowl victory over Pitt and a 7-6 record. In 2013, Wallace passed for 3,346 yards and 18 touchdowns, rushed for 355 and six scores and was once again a finalist for the Conerly. The Rebels finished 8-5 after taking down Georgia Tech in the Music City Bowl. In his final season at Ole Miss, Wallace passed for 3,194 yards and 22 touchdowns and rushed for 199 yards with five TDs. During the Rebels’ nine-win campaign, they climbed as high as No. 3 in the Associated Press Top 25 and played in the Peach Bowl.

Wallace’s name is still scattered throughout Ole Miss’ record book. Wallace is listed 68 times in the almanac of Ole Miss history. Some of the highlights include most career yards (10,478), second-most single-season total offense (3,701), TDs responsible for (82) and career passing yards (9,534). Wallace’s single-season passing totals of 3,346 (2013), 3,194 (2014) and 2,994 (2012) are fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, for the Rebels.

Wallace was also a Maxwell and Davey O’Brien Award semifinalist.

Prior to leading the Rebels, Wallace became a national name in recruiting

circles while leading East Mississippi to the 2011 NJCAA National Championship.

During his single season in Scooba, Wallace set NJCAA single-season offensive marks for most passing yards (4,604) and total yards (4,810) that still stand today. His 53 passing touchdowns were a third record at the time that have subsequently been eclipsed. Wallace’s accolades that season included being a three-time NJCAA Offensive Player of the Week, Region XXIII Most Valuable Player, MACJC Offensive Back MVP for the North Division, NJCAA All-American and the NJCAA Offensive Player of the Year.

Wallace originally signed with Arkansas State, where he spent the 2010 season, but did not see action and was redshirted.

Prior to arriving in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Wallace helped lead Giles County High in Pulaski, Tenn., to a 2009 TSSAA Class 4A State Championship. During his prep career, Wallace was also named The Tennessean’s All-Midstate Player of the Year in 2009 and the Tennessee Titan’s Mr. Football the same season. According to MaxPreps.com, during Wallace’s Giles County High career, he threw for 6,227 yards and 64 touchdowns, including a breakout senior season when he completed 70 percent of his passes for 3,288 yards and 37 touchdowns against just five interceptions. He also rushed for 2,397 yards and 26 touchdowns in his prep career.

Immediately following his collegiate career, Wallace participated in the Kansas City Chiefs’ 2015 rookie minicamp. Rather than pursue several Canadian Football League offers, Wallace opted to embark on his coaching career.

William Jones is new defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs

From Staff Reports/Photos



Hot Springs, Ark. native William J. Jones III has been named defensive coordinator for the Holmes Community College Bulldogs.

With over 25 years of coaching experience, Jones comes to Holmes from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, where he served in the same role for four seasons.

He came to Co-Lin from Shorter University, where he served as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator from 2016-2017. The former NCAA Division II coach is no stranger to the MACCC as he previously

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Jones served as defensive coordinator at Pearl River from 2001-2007 and helped lead the Wildcats to four straight MACCC state titles and one national championship in 2004. At East Mississippi, he also served as defensive coordinator from 2008-2012. During his tenure, the Lions won two MACJC state championships and one national title in 2011. Jones then returned to Pearl River from 2013-2015 where he served as the Wildcats’ head

coach.

Prior to his time in the MACCC, Jones assisted at Grambling State University and was the linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator at Kentucky State University.

Jones is a Louisiana Tech graduate, where he earned his bachelor’s degree before earning his master’s degree in higher education administration from the University of Louisville in 1999. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree from the University of Louisville.

Farrar named defensive backs coach/recruiting coordinator

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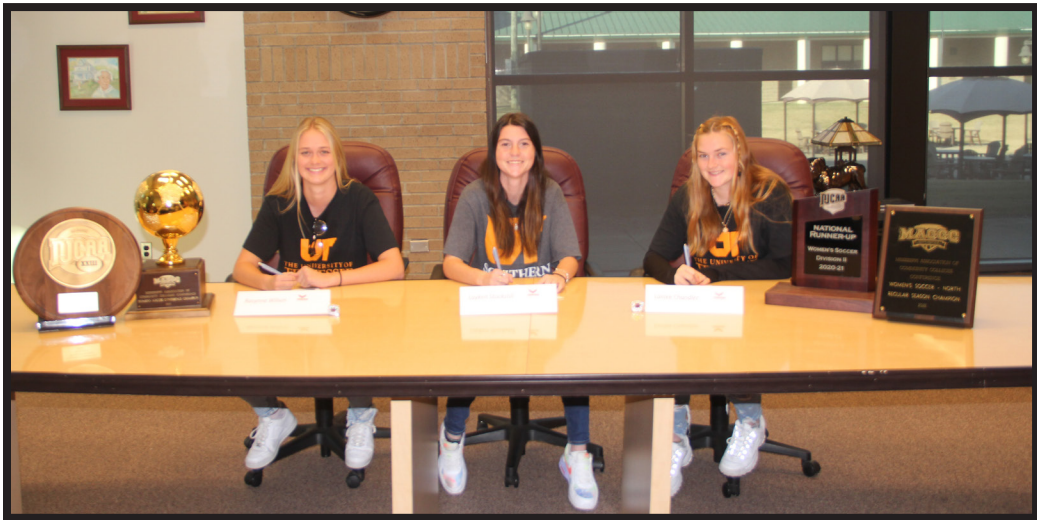
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Chandler, Stockstill and Wilson sign with NAIA National Champion UT-Southern

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Lady Bulldog soccer players (*left to right*) **Ravynne Wilson**, **Layken Stockstill** and **Laniee Chandler** sign letters of intent with the University of Tennessee-Southern on

Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog soccer players Laniee Chandler, Layken Stockstill and Ravynne Wilson signed letters of intent with the University of Tennessee-Southern on Dec. 8 in Adcock Library on the Ridgeland Campus.

The daughter of Chastity and David Chandler, Chandler is a graduate of Southaven High School in Southaven. She was named United Soccer Coaches All Region and is a two-time All-Conference selection.

The daughter of Missy and Dwayne Stockstill, Stockstill is a native of Vicksburg and a graduate of Warren

Central High School. She was a 2021 All-Conference selection.

The daughter of Caroline and Duke Wilson, Wilson is a graduate of Clarkdale High School in Meridian. She is a two-time All-American as well as a two-time All-Region XXIII selection.

UT-Southern recently won the NAIA National Championship finishing the season 22-1-1 and is located in Pulaski, Tenn.

For more information on the Holmes Soccer Program, contact Women’s Head Coach Wesley Noble at wnoble@holmescc.edu

Rule has 25 points in 73-64 loss at Northwest

From Staff Reports/Photos



Shanbria Rule

Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog freshman guard Shanbria Rule poured in 25 points at Northwest Mississippi Community College on Dec. 6, but the Lady Rangers took the MACCC contest, 73-64.

The Lady Bulldogs will return to action on Jan. 6 at home vs. Southwest at 6 p.m.

Northwest led 22-18 after one period and 38-28 at halftime. The Lady Rangers took the third period, 20-14,

before the Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Rangers in the fourth, 22-15, but it wasn’t enough.

Rule was 10-of-15 shooting including two three-pointers and three free throws. Sha’Toria Vigne followed Rule with 14 points while Jarie Brice had 11. Vigne led with nine rebounds while Brice had eight.

Bulldogs fall to Rangers, 79-66

From Staff Reports/Photos



Caleb Campbell

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs fell at home on Monday night, Dec. 6 to the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers, 79-66.

Holmes will travel to Northwest Florida State College Dec. 10 to play in the NW Florida Classic. Holmes will play Tallahassee on Friday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. and NW Florida on Satur-

day, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

The game was tied at halftime before the Rangers outscored the Bulldogs 44-31 in the second half.

Caleb Campbell led the Bulldogs with 19 points while Eric Green had 10. Tyler Talley had six rebounds.

Ross named to All-MACCC North Team

From Staff Reports/Photos



Caleb Campbell

Holmes Community College freshman running back Kerrick Ross of Greenwood was named to the All-MACCC North Team as Second Team Return Specialist.

Ross, who played at Greenville Christian, returned 16 kickoffs for 445 yards including a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

in the first game of the season. He averaged 27.8 yards on his returns.

He also had 302 rushing yards on 34 carries and four touchdowns for a 8.9 yards per carry average. He caught four passes for 69 yards and one touchdown.

Egide, Marin and Stevens named MACCC Soccer All-Stars

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Three Holmes Community College men’s soccer players --- Kagoma Egide, Alfredo Marin and Jordan Stevens, have been named MACCC All-Stars for their play this season. The All-Star matches will be played Saturday, Nov. 13 at noon and 2:30 p.m. on the Ridgeland Campus. The women’s match is set for noon with the men to follow. Egide, a freshman forward from

Mobile, Ala., led the Bulldogs in goals with three. Marin is a sophomore forward from Kosciusko. Stevens, a sophomore goalkeeper from Blacksburg, Va., played 720 minutes in goal and had 44 saves and gave up 24 goals.

Lady Bulldogs finish another successful season

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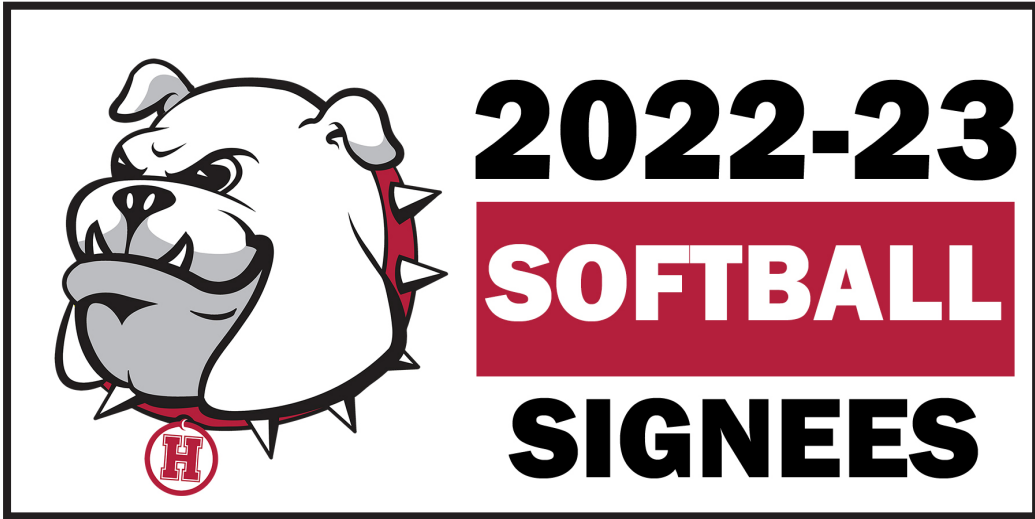
The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs finished the 2021-22 season 14-3-2 overall and captured their sixth straight MACCC North Division title. Holmes was the MACCC/Region 23 runner-up and got an at-large bid to the 2021 NJCAA National

Tournament in Wichita. The Lady Bulldogs went 1-1 in pool play in Kansas. Four Lady Bulldogs --- Olivia Deslatte of Madison, Ravynne Wilson of Meridian, Callie McKinney of Flowood and Laniece Chandler of Southaven --- were named to the

United Soccer Coaches Junior College Division II Women All-West Region team. Deslatte, a sophomore midfielder, and Wilson a sophomore forward, were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Team for Division II Women’s Soccer, as well. Wilson was named Second Team while Deslatte was named Honorable Mention. Prior to the national tournament, Deslatte and Wilson were named First Team All-MACCC North Division and named to the All-Region 23 Team. The pair were members of the 2020-21 team that won their second MACCC/Region 23 championship and a fifth straight North Division title. The team finished runners-up in the first-ever NJCAA Division II Tournament early last summer in Evans, Ga. During the 20-21 season, Deslatte was named NJCAA All-Region 23 and was named a United Soccer Coaches Player of Distinction. Wilson was named NJCAA All-Region 23 and was named Second Team NJCAA All-American and named to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team. Chandler was named to the All-MACCC team. Deslatte had two goals and two assists this season and Wilson finished the season with 16 goals and seven assists. McKinney, a freshman forward, was named to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team. She finished the season with seven goals and eight assists. Finally, Chandler, a sophomore midfielder from Southaven, was crucial for the Lady Bulldogs on defense for two seasons.

Holmes softball adds 10 to 2022-23 signing class

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Softball Head Coach Trae Embry announced that nine players have signed national letters of intent for the 2022-23 team. Included in this year’s class are: Caralyne Montgomery, infielder/catcher, Starkville Academy; Hallie Martin, infielder, Hartfield Academy; Tia Keyes, utility, Taylorsville; Chesney Beckham, pitcher/infielder, Desoto Central; Maicee Coleman, outfielder, Kosciusko; Casey Dube, utility, Newton County; Candace Hudnall, infielder/catcher, Jena, La.; Liz Massey, pitcher, East Webster; Neera Bell, utility, Kemper County; and Tra’Shaylah Wilson, OF/INF, Lake.

Bulldogs get big win over the Dolphins 82-60

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs defeated the Delgado Community College Dolphins, 82-60. The Bulldogs improved to 3-4 on the season. Holmes will host Northwest at 6 p.m. Monday night. You can watch the game at holmesccmedia.com/white-channel. Holmes led 44-25 at halftime. Tyler Talley led the Bulldogs with 22 points while Caleb Campbell had 16 and Jordan Dishmond had 12. The Bulldogs shot an impressive 61.8 percent from the floor (34-of-55) and 52.9 percent from the three point line (9-of-17).



The Growl Staff



Alek Dickerson

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



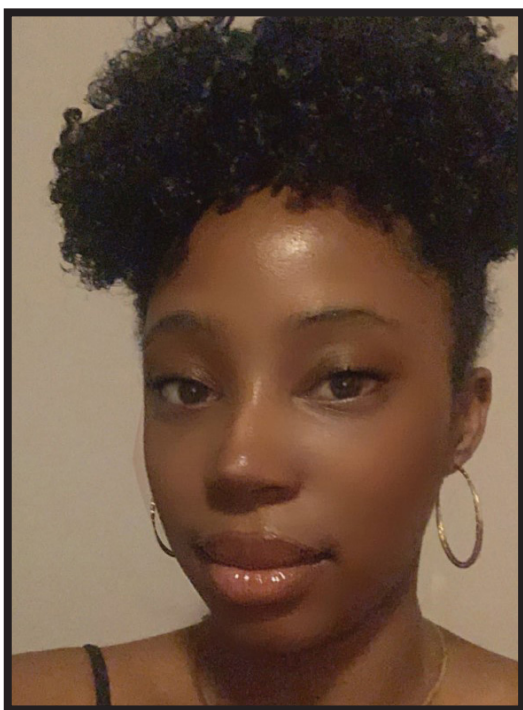
Nicholas Perkins

Perkins of Madison is a freshman on the Ridgeland Campus. Outside of school, he works at Old Capitol Inn. He enjoys the media because of the saying, "The most important aspect of a situation is the information," and his favorite news source is Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Perkins believes the news is such an important part of society because it's how everyone keeps updated on what's going on in the world. His personal philosophy is that we should all be aware of what's going on around us. Perkins believes the news is something that isn't as talked about among his peers as it should be and he feels very deeply that he should help reintroduce the news and media among his generation.



Callie Grace Pope

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



Tymer Reynolds

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



Lakesia Smith-Smart

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