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ly, was awarded to Hallie Meadows.

The Anthony Crabtree Memorial Scholarship, presented to a band student who excelled in music, was presented to Wesley Harvison.

And, the inaugural Mason Clark Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 award paying tribute to the late 2017 graduate, was presented to Timothy Moody.

Dickson then presented two \$750 Coca-Cola scholarships to Caleb Strickland and Hallie Meadows.

Dickson also presented graduates Anna Schrimphshire and Calla Pitts with the \$750 scholarships from the South Mississippi Planning and Development District.

Menyonne Barrow, the Student Navigator at Jones County Junior College's Greene County Center, was then joined at the podium by 2017 GCHS graduate and next year's JCJC Student Government President Jared Woullard. The two presented multiple awards and scholarships from JCJC.

The recipients, whose awards had a combined value of over \$23,000 per semester, were:

- Wesley Byrd - quarter-tuition scholarship;
- Justis Casey - quarter-tuition and soccer scholarship;
- Jordan Chapman - football scholarship;
- Kalyn Dial - Academic Excellence Scholarship;
- Cameron Graves - Presidential Scholarship;
- Preston Hammonds - half-tuition scholarship;
- Jenna Hillman - quarter-tuition and Bobcat scholarships;
- Dylan Jones - half-tuition scholarship;
- Keelin McCoy - full tuition, half room and board and \$500 ACT scholarship;
- Hallie Meadows - quarter-tuition ACT scholarship;
- Jasper Penton - career and technical excellence scholarship;
- Scarlett Pope - half-tuition ACT scholarship;
- Jasmine Rushing - quarter-tuition ACT scholarship;
- Cody Skinner - half-tuition ACT scholarship;
- Erica Van Essen - half-tuition ACT scholarship;
- Leigh Ann Walley - Bobcat Scholarship; and
- Meagan Whiddon - quarter-tuition ACT scholarship.

Several students were recognized for earning collegiate credit as dual-enrolled students at JCJC. They were Randon Bradley, Wesley Byrd, Justis Casey, Kesnie Cochran, Joseph Colburn, Cameron Deakle, Kalyn Dial, Jesse Dueitt, Ethan Dumas, Cameron Graves, Wesley Harvison, Jenna Hillman, Bailey Hobby, Savannah Howard, Noah Johnson, Kaden Lunsford, Elizabeth McInnis, Timothy Moody, Calla Pitts, Scarlett Pope, Chloe Rylee, Holly Skaggs, Cody Skinner, Bethany Smith, Laurel Sones, Savannah Stanford, Skylar Stanford, Josh Thompson, Kinley Thornton, Aaron Welsh, Dylan Jones, Mystica Maxie, Hallie Meadows, Natoria Moulds, Chelbey Pierce, Mackenzie Prentiss, Mason Prentiss, Peyton Rounsaville and Shayden Smith.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Pearl River Community College and Hinds Community College were also represented at the event.

MGCCC Academic Excellence Scholarships were awarded to Scarlett Pope, Erica Van Essen and Bethany Smith, while GCHS baseball standout Mason Prentiss was awarded an athletic scholarship to play for the Bulldogs.

Kaitlyn Snyder was awarded a

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soccer scholarship to PRCC, while she and Peyton Rounsaville received Academic Honors Scholarships to attend the Poplarville school.

Also, Ranisha Gunn was awarded a scholarship to play basketball and continue her education at Hinds.

Belhaven University Academic Achievement Scholarships were awarded to Dylan Lawrence and Kymonte Walker, who plan to attend Belhaven and play football for the Blazers.

Mr. Dickson wrapped up the awards presentations with a \$25,000 Horatio Alger Association cash scholarship presented to Shayden Smith. The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization whose main goal is to promote the American Dream among today's youth and inspire individuals to reach their highest potential.

Dickson said the organization promotes the belief that hard work, honesty, and determination can conquer all obstacles and, therefore, support today's young people by providing them with resources to pursue their dreams and attain higher education. The Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

"Tonight has been an amazing night of recognition for the Class of 2018," Bray said. "You have worked hard to achieve this. Congratulations on a job well done."

Prior to Justis Casey closing the event with prayer, classmate Ariel Blackson walked to the podium and invited all in attendance to join the graduates in the school cafeteria for a reception and to return on Friday for Commencement.

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Having highly qualified teachers and administrators is the goal of every school district in the state. For the Greene County School District, that goal is becoming a reality, as for the first time in history, the district now has more educators with advanced degrees and certifications than ones with Bachelor degrees. Once again this year, the district has members of the staff earning advanced degrees. Shown here are Leakesville Jr. High School Principal Monica Edwards (left) and Leakesville Elementary School Principal Shalonda Hollingsworth. The two school leaders were unable to attend graduation at GCHS on Friday as they were in Hattiesburg being awarded with their Specialist in Educational Leadership degrees from William Carey University. At least one other county educator earned an advanced degree this year as GCHS staff member Katie Moore (not pictured) earned a second Master's Degree.



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We are proud of you
and all your
accomplishments.

For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Alyse, Poppa, Mimi,
Jon, Tara, Easton & Jackson



Hats off to the 2018 graduates for
a job well done! We wish you
all the best as you begin
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