

High school chemistry teacher is Clinton Teacher of the Year

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In her twenty-eight years as a teacher, Renee Smith has continually looked for ways to keep her classes engaging and interesting.

“Teaching is an art, a challenge and a discipline,” she said. “It is a lifelong commitment.”

Recently, Smith was named the Clinton Public School District’s 2018-19 Teacher of the Year in a surprise presentation in her class. She will go on to represent Clinton in the Mississippi Teacher of the Year program this spring hosted by the Mississippi Department of Education.

“Through instruction that is based on real-world learning, her ultimate goal is to expose students to the relevance of scientific concepts and ensure that her students are prepared for the paths they choose after high school,” said Clinton High School Principal Brett Robinson, one of Smith’s former students.

Smith began her career in 1987 and



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Clinton High School biology and chemistry teacher Renee Smith received the Clinton Public School District 2018-19 Teacher of the Year award in a surprise presentation in her class. Pictured (l to r) are Superintendent Dr. Tim Martin, Smith, CHS Principal Brett Robinson, and Assistant Superintendent Anthony Goins.

has taught Advanced Placement Biology and Chemistry at Clinton High School. She was named Mississippi Chemistry Teacher of the Year for 2012-13 by the Mississippi chapter of the American Chemical Society.

She is also an adjunct chemistry instructor at Mississippi College and an assistant coach for the Lady Arrows slow pitch softball team.

Smith holds an associate’s degree in science from Copiah Lincoln Community College, a bachelor’s degree in biology/chemistry and a master’s degree in combined sciences biology/chemistry, both from Mississippi College.

“We are blessed with highly qualified teachers at all schools and grade levels in the Clinton Public School District,” said Dr. Tim Martin, superintendent of schools. “Mrs. Smith exemplifies all the traits of a great teacher, and she will represent Clinton well in the state Teacher of the Year program.”

MC football announces seven mid-year signees

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Head Coach John Bland is pleased to announce that seven mid-year signees will join the Mississippi College football program in January of 2019.

“We are really excited about the positions that we were able to fill on National Signing Day,” Bland said. “We are still in the process of adding to the class, and we expect to have some more guys join this group.”

The seven student-athletes that joined the Choctaws were De’martre Collins (Copiah-Lincoln CC), Donald Kinchen (Pearl River CC), Daniel Little (East Central CC), William Sterling (East Central CC), Tyler Walker (Murray State), Luke Wilson (Holmes CC) and Jaylan Woods (MS Delta CC).

“We feel like these young men will help us win ball games in the GSC right away,” Bland went on. “I think this group will help to put us in a position to win a championship.”



The Choctaws are scheduled to open the 2019 season against defending SWAC champions Alcorn State on Saturday, September 7. MC recently finished their transition process back to NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference and will be competing for conference and national championships.

The athletic department sponsors seventeen inter-collegiate athletic programs: baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, football, golf, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s indoor track and field, men’s and women’s outdoor track and field and volleyball.

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