

Hinds honors retirees with emeritus status

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Hinds Community College awarded emeritus status to three retirees at their recent spring convocation, including two from Clinton. The Clinton honorees were Dr. Ben Fatherree of Clinton, Professor Emeritus of History/College Historian and Beverly Derden Fatherree of Clinton, Professor Emeritus of English.

They join thirty-three other retired Hinds Community College employees who have been selected for the emeritus honor.

Ben Fatherree has been involved

He is an expert on civil war history, especially in the local area, and has been very involved with the Friends of Raymond organization, which has made many improvements to the Raymond Military Park, earning national attention from the National Park Service.

Beverly Derden Fatherree began her relationship with Hinds as a student. She has devoted forty years of her life to teaching, with more than thirty-five years of those at Hinds. She continues her service as an adjunct in the Writing Lab. She taught every English

course offered, served as curriculum coordinator and was Academic Liaison for Dual Enrollment Classes taught in the area high schools.

She is well known for her "Flannery O'Connor: in Her Own Words," a dramatic monologue which she wrote.

Both honorees were named among the 100 People Passionate about Hinds Community College during the 2017 Centennial celebration of the college.

They both have also established scholarships through the Hinds Community College Foundation.

Selected by a Hinds committee, emeritus status is conferred on retirees who have dedicated their lives to the college. A photo recognizing their status is showcased in the Emeritus Room at Fountain Hall on the Raymond Campus.



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Pictured (l to r) are Hinds Community College retirees Dr. Bobby Cooper of Jackson, Dr. Ben Fatherree and Beverly Derden Fatherree, both of Clinton. All three were awarded emeritus status recently.

in education for forty-eight years with forty-three of those years being at Hinds, where he taught history courses on the Raymond Campus and served as department chairman. In addition, he is a noted historian who has written the definitive history of Hinds Community College from its inception through the 2017 Centennial celebration.

11 Clinton Arrows sign letters of intent for National Signing Day



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Eleven Arrows signed Letters of Intent on National Signing Day. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Desmyn Baker, Greg Evans, Chantz Taylor and DeMoire Johnson; and back row: Jimmy Bennett, Javian Paige, Ryan Davis, Hunter Hulsey, Bryce Turner, Delawrence Butler and Tucker Barefoot.

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Tradition is a strong part of the Clinton community, and National Signing Day has quickly become a ritual for the Arrows football program. Eleven seniors signed letters of intent to play football at the next level.

Desmyn Baker, Tucker Barefoot and Hunter Hulsey are signed with Northwest Mississippi Community College. Chantz Taylor and DeMoire Johnson signed with Belhaven University.

Signing with Jones College was Delawrence Butler and Bryce Turner. Greg Evans signed with Holmes Community College, and Jimmy Bennett signed with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Ryan Davis and Javian Paige signed with Hinds Community College.

Arrows Football Head Coach Judd Boswell pointed out that athletic signings point to a larger aspect of

the school district and its efforts in following through with its district motto: "Excellence is the only option."

"Days like today are what it's all about," Boswell said. "It's the culmination of the work these players have put in each and every year, starting from the seventh grade." Boswell said only so many players in the country get the chance to play football past high school.

"Their hard work is not only paying off on the field. It's paying off in families, getting school to be paid for." Athletic scholarships, Boswell added, reflect on the efforts to get students from the Clinton Public School District to college.

"Anytime you can be perceived as putting out great students and great student-athletes," Boswell added, "it increases the value of your school district."

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