

Clinton parents, prospective students attend Hinds CC Thursday Night Lights



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Ella Ballenger, left, and Julia Jordan, right, both of Clinton, enjoy the Thursday Night Lights recruiting event at Hinds Community College. Ballenger and Jordan are seniors at Clinton High School. With them was Jordan's mother, Candice Garror, center.

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Hinds Community College recently held a Thursday Night Lights recruiting event for parents and prospective students.

Talking business with faculty about their child's education comes just as easy as the fellowship, said Candice Garror, of Clinton, whose daughter, Julia Jordan, brought fellow Clinton



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Tiffany Fields, left, and her son Ryan Fields, both of Clinton, speak with Hinds Connection student Glyn Heath, also of Clinton.

High School classmate Ella Ballenger along to check out Hinds' offerings.

"This is very organized," Garror said. "There's lots of information at each table."

The annual recruiting event is a chance for prospective students and their families to find out about the college's academic transfer programs and more than seventy career and technical program options. Faculty and staff tailgate across from Joe Renfro Stadium provide an array of information on admissions, scholarships, majors, campus housing, athletics, and student organizations.

Prospects create an applicant profile and get on the college's mailing list, so they can be sent the latest updates on programs and services, plus other details such as deadlines for scholarship applications.

"Thursday Night Lights is a great event for high school seniors, because they get to meet so many Hinds faculty and staff members. Guests receive a lot of information about Hinds, but we also have a lot of fun," said Kathryn Cole, district director of Enrollment Services. "We kick back and relax, enjoy a special band performance, and cheer for the Eagles at the football game."

The information students receive from faculty often help put a wide range of interests into sharper focus as they transition to college-level studies.

"I'm pursuing music and vocal performance," said Ryan Fields, of Clinton, a senior at Christian Academy, attending with his mother, Tiffany Fields. "Music allows you to be expressive, whether happy or sad."

Katlyn Moreland, of Jackson, a senior at Mount Salus Christian Academy, looks forward to lively discussions in her upcoming college classes in topics such as law and political science.

"I like to know the 'why' with certain issues," Moreland said. "I'm inquisitive and like to ask questions."

For more information on what Hinds can offer to upcoming high school graduates, visit www.hindscc.edu and click on the Apply Now tab, Cole said.

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