

## Host of Wildcats playing ball at collegiate level

Four GCHS grads going to school and grinding on the baseball and softball diamonds

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Greene County High School continues to produce student athletes that earn the opportunity to continue playing the sports they enjoy while also continuing their education.

The school currently has numerous alumni at various schools in multiple sports, including four who are on the baseball and softball diamonds this spring.

Leading the way are college juniors Mary Grace Turner and Kole Kittrell. The two members of the GCHS Class of 2017, had stellar careers at the junior college level and rode those efforts to new opportunities at William Carey University in Hattiesburg and Delta State University in Cleveland.

Turner was a Second Team NJCAA All-American selection and also earned spots on the 2019 All-MACJC First Team and NJCAA Region 23 All-Region First Team. On the



**Mary Grace Turner**  
William Carey University

season, Turner was one of the nation's top power hitters, slugging a program record 18 homers (fifth in the nation). Turner added 48 RBIs and 16 doubles with a .397 average, .503 OBP and .975 slugging percentage. She homered in her first game as a Lady Crusader and WCU is off to a solid 3-1 to the year.

Kittrell had a solid sophomore season at Gulf Coast as well. He appeared in 19 games, earning five saves and striking out 34 along the way. The big right-hander looks to be a key contributor for DSU this season and has appeared in three games as the Statesmen are off to a 10-3 start to the season.

Mason Prentiss is in his sophomore season at MGCCC. He did not get a ton of opportunities as a fresh-



**Kole Kittrell**  
Delta State University

man, but is expected to play a much larger role this year at the plate and in the field at first and third base, as needed. Prentiss has appeared in 3-of-4 games so far for the Bulldogs and has a hit and a RBI to his credit.

Prentiss, Kittrell and Turner all also earned MACJC Academic Honors last year at their respective schools.

Kenneth Moore was an All-Region honoree during his senior season at GCHS last year. He led the Cats with 35 hits and 25 RBIs and also had a strong year on the mound, posting a 3.7 ERA over 26 and a third innings of work. He has seen action on the mound in two games for Holmes Community College already this year, but will be most important to the program as an infielder.



**Mason Prentiss**  
Mississippi Gulf Coast C.C.

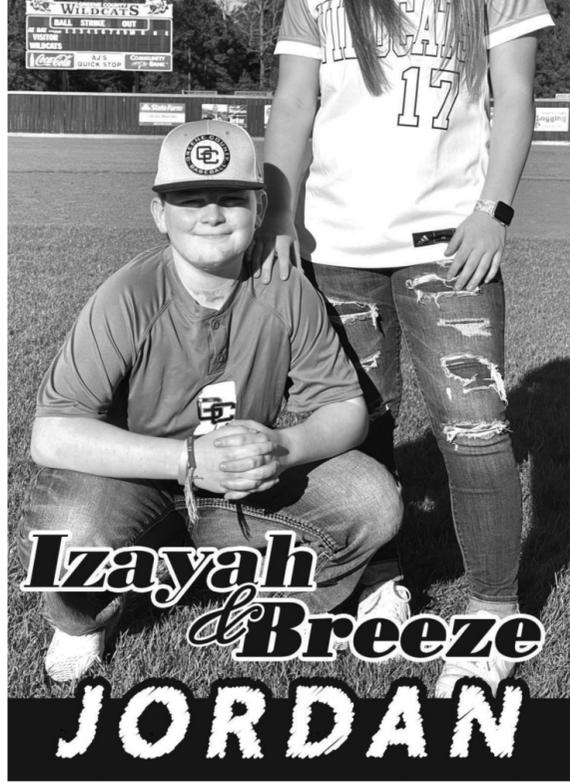


**Kenneth Moore**  
Holmes County C.C.

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Giving back ...

Photo courtesy of JCJC Baseball

Perry Turner, a 2013 graduate of Greene County High School and former standout for the Wildcat baseball program, is shown talking to players for his former team at Jones College. Turner was a Bobcat for two years before finishing up his playing career for the Choctaws of Mississippi College in Clinton. He is currently serving as the Assistant Director of Strength and Condition at Traction Sports Performance in Hattiesburg. JCJC Coach Chris Kirkland invited Turner to speak to his team recently about proper training and recovery. Turner also used the opportunity to talk to the current Jones players about his faith and the importance of developing their personal relationship with God.

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for his name's sake.  
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for you are with me;  
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they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
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my cup overflows.  
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