

# NATIONAL SIGNING DAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020



Pictured above (from left): Raphael Tyes sign to Northeast CC; Parviz King signed to MDCC; Montra Edwards signed to UM; Deonta Barnes signed to NCC; Ernest Wade signed to Hinds CC; Reko Walden signed to Holmes CC; Jodie Williams signed to Jones CC; Jedrus Watts signed to Holmes CC; Justin Smith signed to Jones CC; and John Mitchell signed to JSU. Coach Richard Whigham is pictured at back center. (Photo Submitted)

## HCCHS students signed college letters of intent on National Signing Day

**Press Release**  
One basketball and nine football scholar-athletes from Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) signed a letter of intent to play their sport and attend the college or university of their choice on National Signing Day, February 5, 2020. Athletic Director Marcus Rogers introduced the students as they announced their col-

lege choice and signed the agreement in front of an audience including parents and extended family, HCCSD teachers, media representatives and several coaches. The HCCHS players and their chosen schools are: John Mitchell, Jackson State University; Montra Edwards, University of Missouri; Justin Smith, Jones Community College; Jedrus

Watts, Holmes Community College; Ralph Tyes, Northeast Community College Basketball; Ernest Wade, Hinds Community College; Deonta Barnes, Northeast Community College; Reko Walden, Holmes Community College; Parviz King, Mississippi Delta Community College; and Jodie Williams, Jones Community College. A letter of intent indicates

a student's commitment to participate in one of 676 Division I and II participating institutions. The letters of intent are customarily faxed by the district's Athletic Director to the university's

athletic department on National Signing Day. Division I schools include the major collegiate athletic powers, with larger budgets, more elaborate facilities and more athletic scholarships than Di-

visions II and III. The ceremony was held in the Board Room of the HCCSD Educational Support Center. Lunch was served afterward to the players and their invited guests.



Central Holmes Christian School athlete Wykece Johnson signed his letter of intent to play football at Holmes Community College for the fall season on Wednesday, February 5. Pictured above (from left): David Simmons (father), Johnson, Cartesha Johnson (mother), and Kamya Johnson (sister). (Photo Submitted)



Anna McNeer (pictured second from right), daughter of Billy and Carol McNeer, granddaughter of Faye McNeer and the late Billy McNeer, and a 2018 Canton Academy Alumni, signed with Belhaven University in Jackson. Anna will finish her current softball season at East Central Community College before entering Belhaven in the fall of 2020. Anna's freshman season stats include: a .415 batting average, leading the team with 21 doubles and 58 runs batted in. She also hit eight home runs on the season. The season culminated with Anna's team finishing 14th in the country. Anna was also named Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges First Team All-State, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Distinguished Academic All-State and National Junior College Athletic Association Second Team All-Academic. (Photo Submitted)



Pearce Edwards showed the Champion Percentage Simmental in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. Also pictured is Judge David Hindman. (Photo by Julie Ellison)



Addie Burrell showed the Champion Crossbred in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. (Photo by Julie Ellison)