

# Adult learners master skills through night classes

**Press Release**

The Career and Technical Center (HCCTC) of Holmes County Consolidated School District held its 2019 Adult Education Fall Completion ceremony on December 17, 2019. More than seventy adult learners participated in the fall classes. The Fall 2019 Course Catalog included Administrative Office Assistant Training, Advanced Computer Literacy, Autobody and Paint, Basic Computer Literacy, Medical Billing/Coding ICD 10, Residential Wiring and Welding. Frank Kimes, retired Career Tech director of Holmes County School District, served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Mr. Kimes shared with the completers and their guests the significance of being continuous learners and remaining relevant in this ever-changing workforce market. He said, “You are never too old to learn.” Completers and guests were encouraged to continue to take advantage of the short-term and low-cost programs offered at the Career and Technical Center. Shintri Hathorn, Career Tech administrator, thanked their partner, Holmes Community College-Workforce Development (Mrs. Mandy Burrell), and Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory for their continuous support. Ms. Hathorn also shared that the Career Tech Center is consistently working with local industries and community stakeholders to determine their needs regarding labor workforce skills. By regularly studying business/industry needs assessments and the MS WIOA data, she is able to structure the adult education class offerings, as well as the high school CTE offerings, around the needs of the surrounding workforce sector. “Our goal is to ensure that we are providing

our adult and secondary students with both marketable and currently trending skills to ensure that our community is workforce ready,” stressed Hathorn. Course offerings are revised to meet the needs of the workforce and the interests of the community. Ms. Hathorn shared that “This fall, we added two additional programs—Medical Billing and Coding/ICD 10 and Advanced Computer Literacy—to our adult course catalog and they both were well received.” The prerequisite to enrolling in the Medical Billing/Coding program was Medical Terminology, which was offered in Spring 2019. “This spring, we are planning to offer Medical-Billing and Coding CPT, so that the completers of ICD 10 will have dual skills,” she asserted. By completing both billing and coding classes, completers will be prepared to meet the coding needs in any medical or insurance office. James L. Henderson, Superintendent of Schools, is committed to College and Career Readiness and sees the Career Tech Center’s Adult Education program as a logical extension of the high school program. “We are pleased to offer these courses in order to equip adults with skills and expertise for the always-changing workforce needs of the community.” Residents of Holmes and surrounding counties are encouraged to prepare for their career and personal goals by enrolling in the CTC adult education programs. Students travel from as far away as Madison and Sallis, MS to participate in the classes. Interested persons are asked to contact the Career and Technical Center (formerly Vo-Tech) at 662-834-3052 for more information.

## \*Holmes Alumna

(Continued from page 1.) a wonderful personality and I am excited beyond belief that she will be in the Flowood area. I wish she was going into practice where we could use her as our regular Veterinarian. I know my pets would get the very best of care! I will definitely go to the Emergency clinic if we have a need. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!” A 2011 alumna of Central Holmes Christian School, Winstead came to Holmes right out of high school

and became an engineering major. During her time at Holmes, she took honors courses, was a President’s and Dean’s List scholar and was a member of the Holmes Plus program, as well, which is a competitive scholarship organization for students who show an aptitude in science and mathematics. Additionally, Winstead was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society where she served as vice president her sophomore year, earned the Golden Key Award, earned



**Pictured above, Basic Computer Literacy Class (from left): Claudine James, Emma Fondren, Leona Fields, Sarah March, Janice Grant, Sounya Hollins, Sharon Patton and Instructor Reather Anderson. Not Pictured: Mary Garrett (Photo submitted)**



**Pictured above, Residential Wiring (Electricity) Class (from left): Shelia Redmond, Darien Griggs, George Lacy, Mac-Chris Sallis, Clyde Witt, Demarco Witt, Geon Boone, Marvin Noel, Hollis Greer, Kerry Shavers, Donna Brooks and Instructor Michael Kirkwood. (Photo submitted)**



**Pictured above, Administrative Office Assistant Class (from left): Ieaha Washington, Arkeia Edwards, Shandra Brown, Shyla Wallace, Christine Grant, Lartesia Griffith, Mercedes Malone, Erica Wright, Jakal Wheat, Jennifer Williams and Instructor Bonita Spurlock. (Photo submitted)**



**Pictured above, Autobody Paint and Refinish Class (from left): Freddie Scott, Willie E. Huffman, Davlin Thurmond, Sheena Hampton, Teri McKibben and Instructor Thomas McKibben. Not Pictured: Bernetta Johnson and Tyrone Johnson. (Photo submitted)**

the All- USA academic team scholarship and earned a PTK transfer scholarship. “Joshlyn Martin was an excellent student in the classroom and in the laboratory,” said Holmes chemistry instructor Heather Jones.” As her chemistry instructor, I was able to watch her growth in knowledge and in experience in the sciences making a larger connection between

biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics. I knew that she would accomplish any goal that she set for herself, as she never settled for less than perfection. She was a joy to teach and was a great asset to campus when she was a student at Holmes.” Winstead, daughter of Angie and Jeff Martin and sister to Cameron, is married to Ricky Winstead. She and her

husband reside in Starkville with their two sons, Walker (3) and Wade (2). Winstead has accepted a position at the Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Flowood and will begin after graduation. “Holmes was the perfect choice for me after I graduated from CHCS,” Winstead said. “It was important to me that my teachers knew me by name and truly cared about

my success in their class and outside the classroom. I learned valuable lessons from them all! I did not realize how much I would miss the campus after I graduated, so much that my husband and I were married in the Holmes chapel in the summer of 2014. I will always remember my time and the people I met there with a smile!”