

Goodman campus celebrates student achievement during Honors Day

Press Release
The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus recognized its students' achievements and honors during the 2020 Virtual Honors Day Program held May 5 via Zoom. Normally a dinner is held for honorees and their families in Frank Branch Coliseum, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Holmes had to make alternative arrangements this year.

Just like the usual program, however, representatives from each academic and career-technical program presented awards to students who have shown excellence in their given major, program or extracurricular activity. Other special awards were given, as well, in various other categories.

The program began with Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood welcoming everyone before Director of Industrial Studies Programs Dr. Luke Jones gave the invocation. The first students to be recognized were the 2020 Goodman Campus Hall of Fame inductees. Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive and recipients were voted on by faculty and staff

based on academic achievement, campus involvement and community service. The inductees included: Mary Clayton Burrell of Sallis, Britt Grace of Kosciusko, D'Mechriea Landfair of Sallis, Arin McIntyre of Drew and Braiden Suggs of Ackerman.

Some of these students earned other awards, as well. Suggs received the Student Government Association Award, and Landfair was named the Dr. Marilyn Burrell Memorial Award recipient. The Burrell Memorial Award is given to a student with a strong academic record, leadership skills and campus involvement. McIntyre received the Christine Herron Academic Achievement Award, which is given to a non-traditional student who is active in MOSAIC and shows academic excellence. Additionally, Grace was the Physical Science Award recipient as well as the Holmes Plus Award recipient. Holmes Plus is a competitive scholarship organization for students who show an aptitude in science and mathematics.

The other Holmes Plus Award recipients were Caleb Chisholm of Kosciusko and Landon Rhodes of Madison. Rhodes also received the Engineering Award. The Architectural Engineering Award went to Selena Miller of Kosciusko; the Wesley David Rule Mathematics Award, Bruce Ruschewski of Benton and the Social and Behavioral Science Award,

ent.

In the career-technology and workforce programs, Zachary Trammel of Madison received the Automotive Technology Award; Chelsea Willhite of Kosciusko, the Business and Technology Award; Trey Roby of Goodman, Collision Repair Technology Award; Emily Valdes of Canton, Cosmetology Award; Donald Gray of North Carrollton, Criminal Justice Award and Christopher Kingston of Flowood, the Heating and Air Conditioning Technology Award. Additionally, Christopher Robinson of Kosciusko received the Industrial Technology Award; Kristi Bagwell of McCool was named the Practical Nursing Award recipient and Justin Nunn of Sallis received the Welding Award.

Other special awards were given, as well. Darlene Jolly of Carthage received the Deans and Directors Award, which is bestowed upon a non-traditional student who has been out of school for a while, has exceptional grades and has made an impact in the classroom. Finally, another special award is the Michael Klauk Award, named for a former premed student who tragically passed away. John Bailey Britt of West received this award for exemplifying the same model student qualities Klauk did.

Each award recipient will receive a certificate in the mail following the presentation.

For more information on Holmes Community College, visit www.holmescc.edu.

PJ's to the Church House?

My toenails look as if I lost my feet somewhere in the swamps of Louisiana for a few months while gator hunting with Troy, my hair, well let's just say it is more than one color now, and my fingernails seem to be those of someone who washes clothes on an old fashioned rub board, and my hands are rough as a corn cob from all the hand sanitizer. And, really, I am not a high maintenance girl. But I do like to at the least look presentable when I go out. Now that's another thing, I don't go out any more so why worry? Well, I am somewhat disturbed with these maladies just for my own confidence in myself. I usually get up every morning take a shower, apply my make-up, fix my long hair, and spray with my favorite perfume. I have saved so much on make-up in the past two months! My facial routine is now Rhodan and Fields A.M. moisturizer, that's it.

I always get eager at the changing of the seasons because it means I can change my wardrobe and wear clothes I have not worn in months, all new apparel. I am still wearing the same pajamas and long dresses that I wore in December as this is my dress for most of my days. I truly wonder if when the time comes for me to go back to church, in the church house, if I will wear pjs and go barefoot as this is my attire for church each Sunday now.

I can say that I have become quite the "little homemaker" through these few weeks. I have cleaned closets, drawers, cabinets, crooks and crannies in my entire house. I have found things I lost years ago! Again, I have cooked 3,462 meals

so I have become an expert chef. I have learned to take leftovers and make a gourmet meal for the next day. I have learned to shop only every other week and make a roll of toilet paper last for two months.



Peggy's Take

I have stopped listening to the news as it only says the same old thing and I just get more and more bothered. Sometimes Facebook is "the Devil" as people are so bored that they sometimes use this media page as a board for critical dribble, so I have resolved to refrain from this means of news also.

This has to come to an end, right? Everything eventually comes to an end. I just want somebody who really knows to tell me on media, a phone call, letter, text, or any other means of communication that this is ending.

I LOVE easy recipes and here is one and so good too.

- 5-Layer Dinner**
3 large potatoes, thinly sliced
1 pound ground round, browned and crumbled
2 large onions cut into rings
2 - 15 ounce cans of diced tomatoes,
1 cup chopped green pepper salt and pepper
Layer potatoes in bottom of a baking dish and drizzle with oil. Top with ground round, onions, tomatoes and peppers, season. Cover tightly with foil and bake at 350* for 2 hours. Preheat oven to 350*. Cook beef and onion until done and stir in spaghetti sauce and pasta. Pour into a 13 x 9-inch casserole dish and sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes.
- * Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.*



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Senate committee receives testimony on unemployment benefits claims problems

Press Release
The Department of Employment Security has enough money in the immediate future to pay benefits owed to citizens across the State and pay for additional staff to handle claims, Executive Director Jackie

Turner reported to the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee on Thursday, May 7.

As the Legislature reconvened to address federal CARES Act appropriations, the Committee, led by Chairman David Parker and Vice Chairman Jeremy England, held a hearing at the Mississippi Capitol centered on unemployment benefits.

The receipt of timely benefits and other problems, including phone line blockages and an overwhelmed system, have caused serious concern among legislators trying to help constituents who have been laid off and furloughed amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is the issue I hear about from citizens most. We need to be proactive and consider whether there are any changes we need to make, even on a limited basis, to move through claims more quickly," Chairman Parker said. "The department has indicated they

are concerned about these issues too and said we can expect to see movement on resolutions this week."

Turner reported the department has added hundreds of additional people to answer benefits calls over the last two months. She said the department would unveil seven new solutions to streamline the claims process, which she would share with the Committee next week.

"We appreciate the department's hard work during unprecedented times. No one could have predicted this kind of situation," Vice Chairman England said. "Many citizens have never navigated the unemployment system, so some of this is about clear information and then follow through on the government's side on the process. The department must focus on communicating with applicants and concluding investigations sooner. I was glad to hear the Executive Director agree to look into

these concerns, and I think we made clear the Legislature is willing to help the department whenever needed."

Turner said prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trust fund for State unemployment benefits was worth about \$710 million.

The current balance is \$630 million. This is separate from federal funds set aside for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which are paid out through money allocated by the federal CARES Act, and other administrative expenses, which have been

allocated by other federal relief legislation.

"We have received many calls and e-mails from constituents who are destitute because of this pandemic, with no income and bills piling up," Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann said. "We want them to know we know they are struggling and we are searching for solutions—both for now and in the future."

For more information on unemployment benefits and COVID-19, visit <https://mdes.ms.gov/unemployment-claims/covid19/>.

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