

# Mississippi State names graduates, honor students from Holmes County

Staff Report

Mississippi State University has announced its 2020 graduates and honor students of Holmes County.

Honor graduates include all bachelor-degree candidates with exceptional scholastic averages and at least half the total required course hours earned at MSU. Their specific levels of recognition and the minimum required averages for each, based on a 4.0 scale, include: summa cum laude, 3.80; magna cum laude, 3.60; and cum laude, 3.40.

The academic honors are recorded on the graduates' diplomas and permanent records, as well as in the commencement program.

GRADUATES

Blake Stewart Bell, Lexington, College of Arts & Sciences, BS, Summa Cum Laude; Shaneshia Shunta Dixon, Lexington, College of Business, BBA; Eryca Lyn

Edwards, Lexington, Adkerson School of Accountancy, BACC; Melanae Garrett, Cruger, Bagley College of Engineering, MS; Rosalind Grey Hutton, Tchula, College of Arch, Art & Design, BFA; Graham Davis Pierce, Lexington, College of Ag. & Life Sciences, BS, Jared T Potter, West, College of Education, BME, Magna Cum Laude; William Lane Spell, Lexington, Bagley College of Engineering, BS; London Alexandra Steverson, Lexington, Adkerson School of Accountancy, BACC, Magna Cum Laude; and Joshlyn Martin Winstead, Lexington, College of Veterinary Medicine, DVM.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Students on the President's List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades

# 2019-2020 Delta Technical College high school scholarship winners announced

Press Release

Delta Technical College and sister school, Midwest Technical Institute, are pleased to announce the winners of the 2019-2020 Midwest Technical Institute and Delta Technical College High School Scholarship Program (MTI and DTC HS Scholarship) for graduating high school seniors.

This year, the program awarded a total of 167 scholarships for various amounts between our six MTI and DTC campus locations. In total, these students across MTI and DTC's campus net-

work will receive approximately \$787,000 in MTI and DTC scholarship funds.

The winners were determined through a multi-step application process, which included submission of a video detailing why they are interested in pursuing a skilled trade or allied health career. Due to COVID-19, finalists then attended a virtual recorded interview, rather than an in-person interview. Once all interviews had been completed, the Selection Committee reviewed and scored all the finalists' application videos and re-

lower than a C.

Kila T Anderson, Lexington; Blake Stewart Bell, Lexington; Morgan Ryle Hutton, Tchula; Emily Katherine Martin, Lexington; Jared T Potter, West; Kelly Nicole Rucker, Durant; Hallie Ruth Rutledge, Lexington; John Ashton Simpson; Pickens; Rakeem Olajawon Walden, Lexington; and Shandrea Marshae Whitt, Durant.

DEAN'S LIST

Deans' List students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79,

based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Riley Russell Angell, Lexington; Tyler Jeron Branch, Lexington; Cordarius Marteze Dorsey, Lexington; Eryca Lyn Edwards, Lexington; Quanesha Keona Luckett, Goodman; Shickzney Tamara Mosley, Durant; D'Angelo Q. Newton, Tchula; Brendon Daniel Quon, Lexington; London Alexandra Steverson, Lexington.

corded interviews in order to select the winners per campus. MTI DTC Scholarship award amounts varied from Full Ride, \$10K, \$8K, \$5K, \$3K and \$2K.

This year, rather than visit winners at their high schools to present their scholarship awards, some students were presented their awards at home! When possible, and in accordance to local, county and state guidelines, the DTC and MTI Admissions Team practiced social distancing

and other protective measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. It was important to the MTI DTC team to recognize the creativity, commitment, and hard work of these graduating seniors, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19.

Delta Technical College, Ridgeland, Mississippi campus winners: Curtis Aldridge II, Holmes County Central High School and Tonie Granderson, Holmes County Central High School.

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### Central Holmes Christian School Scholarship Available Now For Students in Grades 1-12

There will be annual financial assistance for minority students available through this program of two full scholarships (or one full and two partial scholarships) covering registration and tuition for a school year. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide qualified students with financial assistance to enable them to attend Central Holmes Christian School.

#### General Requirements for Applicants Are As Follows:

Academic

- The applicants must have maintained a "B" average for the previous school year.
- The applicants must maintain a "C" average for each semester to retain the financial aid.

Character and Citizenship

- Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation attesting to their good moral character, honesty, integrity, and scholarship.
- One of these letters must be from a school official with the applicant's immediate prior school.
- The applicants, once accepted, must adhere to all of the school's rules, regulations, and by-laws.

The Deadline For Applications is  
12:00 p.m. July 1, 2020.

For more information, please contact:  
**Central Holmes Christian School**  
Post Office Box 279  
Lexington, Mississippi 39095  
662-834-3011

Central Holmes Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships, and athletic and other administered programs.



For over eighteen years there was one day that I looked forward to more than any other when it came to rest and time off. No, it was not Saturday or Sunday. It was Monday. While others longed for the weekend and loathed the thought of Monday, I was making plans for a day of rest or recreation. It was my day off, and unless there was an emergency to tend to, I protected that day with everything I had. No phone calls, no work-related problems, just my day. My only responsibility was writing this column and emailing it, and of course doing the honey-do's that had been planned for me. Otherwise, I was free to enjoy this day any way I chose.

For those many years, most of my hunting and fishing experiences came on that day. I loved Monday because most of the other outdoorsmen were back to work, which left the outdoors to only me.

I can't remember all of the times I would listen to a radio station on a Friday morning. The DJ would be encouraging his listeners to hold on for just a little while longer because quitting time was just around the corner

and the weekend was near. For me, this meant nothing.

There's no doubt we live in a world where people have different and even multiple days off. And even though the weekend will always be the days for the kid's ball games, every day is somebody's day off and can be enjoyed as if it were Saturday. In the same way, Monday doesn't have to be considered a cuss word.

The truth is, every day is a blessing from the Lord. David put it this way in the Psalms. "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Which day you may ask. This day. Today, whether it's Monday or Saturday, raining or sun shining, cold or warm; this is the day the Lord has made. And it is our deliberate and determined purpose to rejoice in it.

So today, start by giving thanks and then continue to rejoice that you have been given this day. Today, take the stairs instead of the elevator, park in the back of the parking lot, and wear your sunglasses in the rain; because as long as you have this day, the future is bright.  
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### Public Hearing Notice on Aging Programs Citizen Participation

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the Area Agency on Aging and the Mississippi Department of Human Services the opportunity to inform interested persons about our programs and services which are available to senior citizens in Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery, and Yalobusha counties. The funds for these programs and services are used for the following:

- Case Management
- Congregate Meals
- Elder Right Protection Activities
- Home Delivered Meals
- Homemaker Services
- Information, Referral and Assistance
- Legal Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- National Family Caregiver Support (Respite)
- Senior Community Service Employment
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Transportation
- Community Transition Services (CTS)

The goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2021 will also be discussed during this hearing as well as an update on current year activities.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, an on-site public hearing will not be held. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit comments regarding services we provide, or they can request information about eligibility requirements, current year activities, and goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2021. Please know your feedback and request for information are welcomed. To submit comments or request information via phone, please contact Darlena Allen at (662) 283-2675. You may also write to her at ATTN: DARLENA ALLEN, North Central Planning and Development District, 28 Industrial Park Boulevard, Winona, MS 38967. The deadline to submit comments or request information is 5:00 pm on July 7, 2020.