

## Meadors to lead new joint department at MC



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Dr. John Meadors will lead the newly-formed MC Department of English and Philosophy.

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John Meadors has provided leadership and service as a Mississippi College professor since 1992.

Starting in January, the Clintonian will begin his new duties as chair of the MC Department of English and Philosophy.

MC's English Department is merging with the university's philosophy program. It's one of the major pieces of a reorganization of the 194-year-old institution. Other changes will be announced at a later date.

Meadors received numerous honors during his career. That includes being awarded Mississippi College's Distinguished Professor of the Year in 1999. He was named the Mississippi Council for the Humanities Teacher of the Year for 2018 at the Christian university.

The Wake Forest University graduate brings much to the table on the Clinton campus, educators say.

His promotion "will benefit the university in many ways, not the least of which is to provide this premier professor with a broader platform on which to reach more students," said Wayne VanHorn, dean of the School of Christian Studies and the Arts.

"We are happy for our colleague with

the new opportunities afforded him in the restructuring process," VanHorn added.

He saluted Dr. Meadors for his scholarship and the positive Christian demeanor he's displayed since joining the faculty as a Christian Studies and philosophy professor.

Meadors studied English literature at Wake Forest University. After his graduation from the North Carolina school, he devoted two years to teaching English as a second language. That was a program supported by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Mississippian received his master's of divinity and doctorate from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

At Mississippi College, Meadors teaches courses including the introduction to logic and the history of philosophy. His areas of expertise range from the philosophy of religion to ethics.

In announcing the move, interim provost Debbie Norris said Burn Page will continue his strong leadership of the Department of Christian Studies.

Page describes Meadors as "the classic gentleman and scholar. He is highly respected by his students and peers."

## AIM program at CHS helps ELL students



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Clinton High School baseball coach Trave Hopkins recently visited Julie Roberts' English Language class to teach students about baseball. They taught him how to say "what's up" in each of their home languages.

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Imagine being a child whose family has moved to a new country.

You don't speak the language. You aren't familiar with the culture. Everything is new and different.

At Clinton High School, there is a group of students who volunteer to mentor and assist English Language Learners with the transition to a new environment. The Arrow Intercultural Mentors — or AIM — program provides a student-based support system for students whose native language is not English.

"AIM students assist English Language students with everyday tasks like navigating the building, following daily procedures, getting a lunch, and getting on the correct bus home," said CHS Principal Brett Robinson.

AIM volunteers even help with En-

glish language-based instruction.

"Many of our AIM students are former ELL students who have exited the program by scoring proficient in reading, writing and speaking," he said. "These students in particular are paired with students who speak the same native language, and they serve as translators when necessary."

The AIM program at CHS is led by Spanish and ELL teacher Julie Roberts and counselor Katelon Adcock.

"These kids are awesome," Roberts said. "I couldn't make it without them."

She has three AIM volunteers working with her first block class and two more working with her second block class.

"There are another six students who are part of AIM who help as their schedules allow," she said.

## Kathryn Cole of Clinton named among Hinds CC Heroes

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The fall 2019 group of honorees in the Hinds Heroes employee recognition program at Hinds Community College have been named. Among them is Kathryn Cole of Clinton.

Cole, district director of enrollment services, is based on the Raymond Campus. Her duties include overseeing recruitment efforts for Hinds' six locations and providing holistic enrollment services to prospective students. She has been with Hinds for fourteen years.

Hinds Heroes are chosen because they represent the college well, provide exceptional customer service to all its customers and consistently promote the Hinds mission of service. Heroes selected receive a lapel pin, a token of appreciation and one free day off work.



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