Numerous graduates with county ties earn collegiate degrees

— From Staff Reports — While Jones College had the honor of claiming the most graduates from Greene County or with local connections, numerous other schools now have locals among their alumni.

Amanda Joyce Johnson is one of those. Johnson returned to school last year to pursue a Master's of Science Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and earned that advanced degree through William Carey University's Tradition Campus in Biloxi this past spring.

Up in Hattiesburg, at least two more Greene County students earned Bachelor's degrees, Mary Grace Turner earned her Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, while Kalyn Melissa Dial earned hers in Elementary Education. Both are pursuing advanced degrees in their fields.

Byrd graduated from the University of Southern

recently accepted into William Carey University degree program. She will obtain her master in biomedical science. From there she plans to pursue her doctoral degree to become a Doctor of dental surgery and eventually open her own dental practice.

Several other local students were recognized when USM awarded undergraduate, graduate and specialist degrees to more than 1,900 spring 2021 semester.

Martie Neely McLeod Leadership earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, while Racheal Marie Williams, of McLain, and State Line's Caitlyn Ashley Tate earned the Bachelor degrees as well. Richton students Debecca Lee Brewer (B.S.), Maggie Elizabeth Smith (B.A.), Chloe Anesha Rylee (B.S.), Across town, Alyssa Jade Manuel Gerardo Vega Jr. (B.S.), Bethany Karoline Draughn (B.S.), Hailey Scott Mississippi with a Bachelor Hopkins (B.S.), Lindsey

Shelby Milia Dolbear (M.S.) were also among the students listed by the university as spring graduates.

Jackson Russell Turner, a graduate of GCHS and Pearl River Community College, recently graduated from the Cardiac Vascular and Institute of Ultrasound in Mobile, Ala.

Turner's Class of 2017 classmate at GCHS Brice Fortinberry recently graduated from Mississippi State students graduating in the University with a B.S. in Agriculture Education and Communication with an emphasis in leadership and is set to begin graduate studies at the University of Arkansas in August.

> Also graduating from MSU this spring was Jordan

degree in business. She was Alyssa Crane (M.A.) and Roberts, who earned her B.S. in Forestry from the school.

Over in Tuscaloosa, the University of Alabama awarded a Master of Social Work to Dominic Gandy of Richton.

Hinds Community College held three graduation ceremonies earlier this month. Among those who graduating with Associate Degrees were Christopher Wilson, Jr., of Leakesville, and Erica Walters, of Lucedale.

Pearl River Community College in Poplarville has also been a popular spot for GCHS graduates to continue their educations. A complete list of graduates was not made available, but Tylee McCann, of Leakesville, was one local student known to be among graduates from PRCC this spring.



GCHS alumnus Kalyn Melissa Dial recently earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from William Carey University. Kalyn, who plans to now pursue a graduate degree, is shown here with her father, David Dial,



Alyssa Jade Byrd was among several local grads from the University of Southern Mississippi this spring. Byrd will now move on to William Carey University to continue her work toward becoming a dental surgeon.



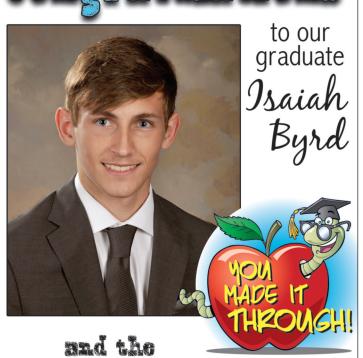
Amanda Joyce Johnson, of Knobtown, demonstrated her commitment to lifelong learning by returning to college and earning a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Couseling from William Carey University this



Wherever the road takes you after graduation, we wish you much happiness and success. May your education and experience lay the foundation for a bright future as you continue on your way.

Congratulations Class of 2021

especially these special friends and family members of our employees









Hip-hip-hooray! It's your special day. We wish you all the best!





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