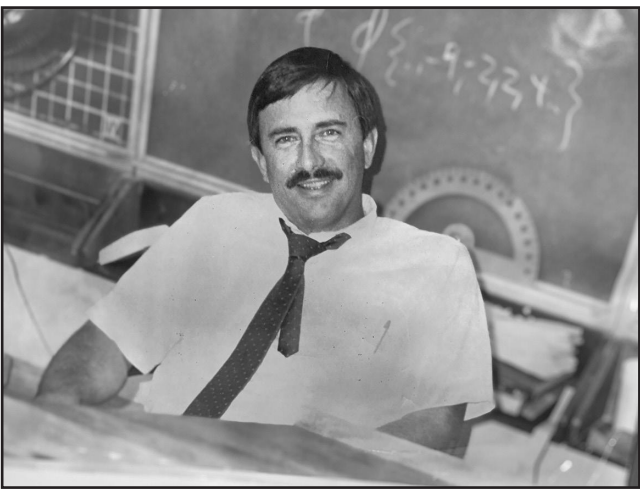


# Richard Simpson

Former KHS math teacher honored to be part of Skipworth project



RICHARD SIMPSON

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Richard Simpson, retired KHS math teacher, was recently gifted a chair in the Skipworth Performing Arts Center by his wife, children, and grandchildren.  
“I am very honored and very emotional about it,” said Simpson.  
The educator began his career teaching math in Columbus, then moved to Meridian to be principal of Northeast Lauderdale High School.  
“I realized that being a principal is not my thing. I like having my own classroom and my own students,” Simpson said. To that end,

periences, such as observing open heart surgery.  
At St. Dominic Hospital, the students met McAdams native and heart surgeon Dr. Kennedy who let them go into the operating room two at a time to observe surgery. While in the operating room, he would quiz them on anatomy. At the University Medical Center, students were able to watch open heart surgery on a baby, and the doctor explained exactly what he was doing as he repaired a hole in the heart.  
After retiring from public schools, Simpson spent a couple of years at Holmes Community College and then 11 years at Central Holmes Christian School.  
“I enjoyed that experience a lot, and it was just as emotional to leave there as it was to leave KHS. Any time you leave a place, it is traumatic,” Simpson said.  
After moving to Oxford, Simpson taught at North Delta Academy in Batesville. Later, the Mississippi State graduate began working at Ole Miss tutoring athletes who need help in math, something he continues to this day.  
“I enjoy tutoring them in algebra, trig, calculus... whatever they need help on. Teaching can be stressful, but it is very rewarding,” Simpson said.  
The career math teach-

# Holmes County ADN Graduates



SWAYZE GARDNER AND LILLIE MCKINNEY





The Grenada Campus of Holmes Community College held their Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program pinning outside the Industrial Technology Complex and graduated 41 dedicated students to the nursing field.  
The ceremony started by Ginger Meriwether, director of health science programs, welcoming friends, family and supporters of the graduates to campus. Next, AND instructor Theresa Hargett welcomed everyone before, Swayze Gardner, the class representative, reflected on the memories made over the course of the program.  
The 2021 ADN students as a group received numerous scholarships and were involved in organizations while obtaining their degree. Some of those awards and

scholarships include: the Dean’s Scholarship, Junior Auxiliary of Grenada Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, Foundation Scholarships, Renasant Bank Completion Scholarship, Holmes Homecoming Maid and SGA officers.  
The students in the program included: Julie Portis, Savannah Nobles, Magen Hooker, Gracie Hobson, Cole Mabry, Sarah Mims, Natalie Simmons, Nykesha Stewart, NaToshie Rogers, Nyesha Harvey, Memoree Weathers, Dalphne Hemp-hill, Brandon Holmes, Eugenia Henley, Ja’kiayah Small, Adiva Herndon, Jearica McBride, Euboea Blakely, Lateka Houston, April Edward, Kadeshia Echols, Shamone Byest, Lillie McKinney, Swayze Gardner, Victoria Byford, Jasmine Polk, Dustin Pearson, Jarissa Gibson, Crystal King, Carley Adams, Tricia Joll, Jonell Parker, Allen Reid, Amanda Fulgham, Samantha Green, Kelci McCormick and Christy Griffin.  
The Academic Excellence Award was given to Janell Parker of Tallahatchie County for her high performance throughout the entire course.  
The ceremony closed with all of the 2021 ADN graduates reading the Nightingale Pledge together. Following the ceremony, graduates enjoyed celebrating with family and friends.

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