

Central Holmes Christian School 2026 Commencement Awards

Central Holmes presented some of the graduating seniors with several special awards:

Student Council President: **Hallie Fancher.**

Honor Society President: **Hallie Fancher.**

est average in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Advanced Math. **Recipient: Hallie Fancher.**

Don & Nancy Barrett Scholarship

The first annual \$1,000 scholarship award is given to an incoming senior who exemplifies outstanding character, academic excellence, and meaningful involvement both in and out of the classroom. The student demonstrates integrity, a strong work ethic, and a spirit that brings joy to those around them. **Recipient: Wilkes Rutledge.**

Holmes County Herald Science Award

It is given to the graduating senior with the highest average in at least 4 years of science. **Recipient: Hallie Fancher.**

Woodson Earle Mathematics Award

Hallie Fancher is given in memory of Coach Woodson Earle who served as a math faculty member at Central Holmes Academy for many years. This award is given to the senior with the high-

Bank of Commerce

It recognizes the Valedictorian and Salutatorian each year by presenting them scholarship awards. **Valedictorian Hallie Fancher and Salutatorian Cooper Logan.**

Clara Watson History Award

It is given by Julian Watson in memory of Ms. Clara Watson, an instructor who was part of the founding of Central Holmes Academy. This award is issued to the graduating senior with the highest average in four years of history to include MS Studies, World Geography, World History, American History, and Government. **Recipient: Hallie Fancher.**

Bank Plus Award

It is given to the graduating senior who best exemplifies a good citizen in his or her school, community and personal life. **Recipient: Larry Boyd.**

Kim Hathcock Callahan Character Award

Kim Hathcock Callahan, a 1990 graduate of Central Holmes Academy, passed away in a car accident on

April 24, 2017. Kim lost her mother to cancer the year before her senior year. It was this loss that led Kim into the medical field where she helped many cancer patients. Kim also had a tremendous love for animals. Kim was kind, loving, helpful, and compassionate. Therefore, Kim's lifelong friends, Faye Causey and Amy and Roy Ables Ward have sponsored an award in memory of Kim Hathcock Callahan to be given to seniors who exhibit the same characteristics Kim possessed. **Recipients: Jon Langford and Allie Rae McBride.**

Jesse "Dan" Edwards Award

Jesse "Dan" Edwards was a retired military officer in the United States Navy. He taught and coached at several schools, including Central Holmes Academy, and taught history and Political Science for 18 years at Holmes Community College. This award is given in his memory. He or she must exemplify a commitment to civic duty and a love for the United States of America. **Recipient: Cooper Tomlinson.**

Dawn Ellison Allen Award for Academic

and Athletic Achievement
It is given by the Allen family in memory of Dawn. This award is given to the senior girl who was a member of the varsity basketball team and had the highest average. **Recipient: Hallie Fancher.**

Lexington Masonic Lodge

It recognizes the graduating senior with the highest average in 4 years of English. **Recipient: Hallie Fancher.**

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It also recognizes the graduating senior with the highest average in Business courses over the 4 years of high school. A student must have completed the courses of Computer Applications, Computer 1, Economics, and Keyboarding. **Recipient: Hallie Fancher.**

Katelyn Breeze Winstead Memorial Award

It is given by Leslie and Rachael Burden along with Paul Winstead and the late Kim Winstead. The family has chosen to honor two seniors who have the following qualifications: respectful, courteous, com-

passionate, loving and kind-hearted. One who shows Christlike values as they represent CHCS on and off the campus. The new recipients' names will be engraved on the plaque that is in the gym foyer. **Recipients: Preston Carnathan and Jax Tate.**

William "Meat" Engle Award

It is presented in memory of William "Meat" Engle. Meat loved everything about CHCS from the vans that rode like log trucks, the floors that always seemed to need stripping, buffing, or waxing, to the steady stream of both old and new students. This award goes to two graduating seniors who exhibit the same dedication and service, to not only CHCS, but to the faculty, staff and their fellow students. **Recipients: Katelyn Box and Jax Tate.**

Rotary Code of Ethics Award

Senior students are required to submit an essay on "How Rotary's 4-way Test will help them be successful in their life ahead". A committee of Rotary members is then charged with the task of selecting the award recipient based on the essays submitted. **Recipient: Jax Tate.**

DSU names President's and Dean's List

CLEVELAND, MS - Jarmarcus Brown, of Lexington has been named to the Spring 2026 President's List at Delta State University.

Each semester, Delta State University undergraduate students who have earned at least 12 credits and a grade point average of 3.80 or higher are recognized on the President's List.

graduate students who have earned at least 12 credits and a grade point average of 3.50-3.79 are recognized on the Dean's List.

Deundra Wilson of Tchula Kaitlin Kimbrough of Goodman

Ba'jah Fleming of Durant Jasmine Webster of Lexington

Kamesha Dickens of West

Each semester, under-

Ostrander Named Sun Belt Coach of the Year, Six USM Players Earn Conference Honors

Southern Miss baseball had a standout 2026 season, highlighted by head coach Christian Ostrander being named the Ron Maestri Sun Belt Coach of the Year and six players earning All-Sun Belt Conference honors Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

Coach of the Year Ostrander led the Golden Eagles to a 40-14 overall record and a 22-8 league mark, securing the Sun Belt's first regular-season title in three seasons and the program's first since 2022 NewsBreak+1. The team posted at least 20 league wins for the 10th consecutive season, marking a sustained period of success.

Player Honors Six Southern Miss players were named to the All-Sun Belt Teams:

*Grayden Harris (Central, La.) - Pitcher of the Year. 8-1 record, 3.10 ERA, 93 strikeouts in 78.1 innings. Led the league in strikeouts and was named

to the Sun Belt, NCBWA, and Baseball America Team of the Week Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

*Camden Clark (Lauriel, Miss.) - First team. Transitioned from closer to starter late in the season, posting 8-0 record, 5 saves, 73 strikeouts, and a 0.89 WHIP Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

*Matthew Russo (Madisonville, La.) - First team. .313 average, 12 doubles, 10 HR, 50 RBI, 29-game on-base streak Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

*Kyle Morrison (Wetumpka, Ala.) - First team. .322 average, 15 HR, 45 RBI, team leader in OBP and slugging Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

*Davis Gillespie (Birmingham, Ala.) - First team. .324 average, 12 HR, 12 doubles, 43 RBI, .353 in league play Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

*Colby Allen (Louisville, Miss.) - Second team. 5-1 record, 2.48 ERA, 77 strikeouts in 61.2 innings Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website+1.

Season Highlights *Harris' 13 strikeouts vs. North Alabama was a season high Southern Miss - Official Athletics Website.

*Russo's 29-game on-base streak and Morrison's grand slam over Alabama were notable individual achievements NewsBreak.

*Gillespie's all-tournament performance at the Round Rock Classic earned him recognition NewsBreak.

Ostrander's leadership and the team's depth in both pitching and hitting made Southern Miss a dominant force in the Sun Belt, with multiple players earning individual accolades alongside the program's first regular-season title in years.



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HCCSD Dept. of Exceptional Services

Are you concerned about your child's speech, learning, behavior, or development?

WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Child Find is a process required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to identify, locate, and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities and may need early intervention or special education services. It is an ongoing process of public awareness activities and evaluations to ensure children with special needs can receive the help they need to succeed as early as possible.

How are children identified and located?

Anyone concerned about a child's speech, learning, behavior, or development can make a Child Find request. A multidisciplinary evaluation team will meet with the family within 14 days to decide if an evaluation is needed. If so, written permission from the child's parent is required before an evaluation is conducted.

What is a multidisciplinary evaluation?

A multidisciplinary evaluation will involve a series of observations and tests with the child and interviews with caregivers conducted by two or more specialists such as a speech language pathologist, a school psychologist, or a special educator. A written summary of this evaluation will be provided to the family and a meeting will be held to determine if the child needs special services.

Who should I contact about making a Child Find request?

For a child birth through two years, contact your local Health Dept. For a child three to twenty-one years, contact your local school district.

What should I bring to the meeting to determine if a multidisciplinary evaluation is necessary?

Although you do not have to bring anything with you, any records or information you have that can assist you in describing your concerns about your child would be helpful.

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