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Holmes holds spring commencement ceremonies May 14



Pictured, l-r: Goodman Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Lawson Nichols of Benton, Holmes President Dr. Jim Hafley and Grenada Campus Outstanding Phi Theta Kappan Lexi McClain of Vaiden.

GOODMAN, Miss. — Holmes Community College held the 98th Commencement Exercises on Thursday, May 14 in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus, recognizing student achievement and academic excellence. The Ridgeland Campus and Yazoo Center ceremony was held at 10 a.m., and the Goodman and Grenada campuses, along with the Attala Center, held a combined ceremony at 2 p.m. The ceremonies were also live streamed at holmesccmedia.com/white-channel.

Vice President for Academic Programs/eLearning Dr. Jenny Jones and Vice President of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington served as keynote speakers for both ceremonies. Each ceremony began with a faculty and administration procession. For the first ceremony, Mika Maehata of Jackson served as macebearer and Ashlyn Dodd of Flowood delivered the invocation. Maehata is a Phi Theta Kappa vice president, STEM Club co-president and All-USA Academic Team member.

Dodd serves as an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa president and Student Government Association president. Both were inducted into the 2026 Holmes Hall of Fame. For the second ceremony, Hannah Karol Stanley served as macebearer, and Maeson Jolley gave the invocation. Stanley is an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa vice president and Student Government Association member. Jolley serves as an Ambassador, Baptist Student Union president and

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HCCHS Lady Jaguars sign to play basketball All-State Basketball Team



Al'Thelmeka Giles was chosen to the All State Basketball Team. She also signed with East Mississippi Community College.



A'Jah Davis was chosen to the All State Basketball Team. She signed with Coahoma Community College.



Rh'Tasia Greer was chosen to the All State Basketball Team. She signed with East Mississippi Community College.

SBA Offers Disaster Relief

WASHINGTON — In response to an Presidential disaster declaration issued April 10, 2026, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the availability of low interest disaster loans for Mississippi businesses, private nonprofits, and residents

affected by the severe winter storm occurring Jan. 23 - 27. The declaration covers Mississippi primary counties of Adams, Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Desoto, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Is-

saquena, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Marshall, Montgomery, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Warren, Washington, Yazoo and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians,

which are eligible for both Physical damage loans and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA EIDLs: Mississip-

pi counties of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Itawamba, Leake, Lincoln, Madison, Monroe, Neshoba, Webster, Wilkinson, and Winston, Alabama counties of Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale, and the Arkansas counties of Chicot, Crittenden, Desha, Lee,

and Phillips, and the Louisiana parishes of Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas, as well as Tennessee counties of Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy, and Shelby. Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply for business physical disaster

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Weather forecast for Thursday through Wednesday with icons and precipitation chances.

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