

## ECCC Hall of Fame Honorees



East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2011 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They included (from left) Stacy Willis of Union, Monica Vincent of Decatur, Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Matt Griffin of Union, Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest and Anna Alexander of Little Rock. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 5 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.



### Registration Checklist

(Should Be Completed Prior to Attending Orientation)

- \*Complete the ECCC Application for Admission
- \*Send ACT or COMPASS scores to ECCC
- \*Send High School/College transcripts to ECCC
- \*Apply for Housing
- \*Apply for Financial Aid



### Orientation Checklist

(To Be Completed During Orientation Session)

- \*Complete Fall Class Schedule
- \*Make Student ID Photo (Also used for College Yearbook)
- \*Apply for Parking Decal (Needed for all students bringing cars to campus; Must have tag number and \$10 fee)
- \*Complete Online Orientation



## Summer Orientations

Saturday, June 4  
Friday, June 24  
Friday, July 15  
Friday, August 5

*Begin the process  
anytime between  
8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at  
the Smith Student  
Union Building*

**Fall Classes Begin  
Thursday, Aug. 18**



# 'Notes' from the Wall O' Sound Band

by Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands

The Royal Wedding is over and by the time you read this, the latest "American Idol" sing fest will be over. Ok, now we can move to really important stuff: the ECCC Band happenins'! Most of you have returned your scholarships. Tryouts for Drum Major, Color Guard, Drumline and Centralettes have taken place and we are ready to move ahead with the mega marching machine, known as the Wall O' Sound Band!

As you plan your summer vacations and your selection of movies you will go see with your pals, we "band gurus" will be busy all summer preparing for the onslaught of the best band students in the world: The 2011 Wall O' Sound. The band hall will be a flurry of activity as I, my assistant band director Ed Girling, and my student assistant Tyler Yates, will ready "all things band" in great anticipation and excitement for the most important opening event on EC's campus: Band Camp!

After presenting a very popular '80s rock show in the fall (attention shoppers: slightly used DEVO hats for sale) we plan to do a complete turnaround with our theme this fall as we spotlight...er...well...um...do not want to give too much away... put it this way, I am getting a little "spacey" coming up with a theme. Ok, 'nuff said!

All of our bands groups stayed very busy this spring with various concerts, trips and band-related activities. The Concert Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble did a super job for their March spring band concert, as the Spring Centralettes, under the direction of Nichol Hillman, tore up the basketball courts with their high-energy dances.

ECCC's in-house rock band, The Collegians, concluded a very busy spring schedule with their Spring Concert that featured a rousing tribute to '80s rap artists. Our 25th summer tour will take us to Orlando, where we will be featured in two shows at Sea World's Shamu Stadium. Our traditional final farewell concert for the 2010-11 members will be our two concerts at the Neshoba County Fair on Monday, July 25. Show times are 1 p.m. at Founder's Square and 6:30 p.m. at the racetrack.

As a graduate of EC myself, this coming fall will be an extra special year for me as I will begin my 30th year as Director of Bands at ECCC. I now have many children of former students as band members and that is very rewarding and humbling to have two generations of students in my band program. Ok, I hope I can hold out for the first grandchild to sign a scholarship! This band program is my "baby" and I have really been blessed to see it develop and become a very impressive grown up. I owe its success to my awesome band students as they are the parts of the machine that work together. I just crank the key and watch it run!

If you are a band horn line senior and have not signed your scholarship, it is not too late to do so. All members receive full tuition scholarships, so take advantage of this financial help, using your talents to help you pay for your college education.

You may contact me at [tcarson@eccc.edu](mailto:tcarson@eccc.edu), or my assistant Mr. Girling at [egirling@eccc.edu](mailto:egirling@eccc.edu) or call the band office at 877-462-3222 or locally at 601-635-6228. GOOOOOOOOOO EC!

## Important Band Dates!

### July

25 Final Collegian Shows at the Neshoba County Fair

### August

7 Drum Line, Color Guard and Managers report for Camp

9 Hornline and Centralettes report for Camp

13 Band Camp concludes at 7 p.m.

29 Collegian Vocal tryouts

30 Collegian Instrument tryouts

## 2011-12 Color Guard Members Announced

Color guard members for East Central Community College's Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 2011-12 were recently announced by Thomas W. Carson, director of bands.

Returning members and their respective high schools include Rachel Sharp (captain) and April Brawner, both of Louisville; Tiffany Benson (co-captain), Sarah Stewart, Kayla Greer and Ashleigh Savage, all of Neshoba Central; Kim Amerson and Amanda Packer, both of Newton County; Breanna Terrell, Union; Danielle Brown, Newton; Megan Smith and Stevie Pace, both of Lake; Kierra Ealy and Persephin Wingo, both of Morton; Shantesha Hall and Shanyqua Lewis, both of Carthage; Kayla Brown, Scott Central; and Shelby Powell and Lydia Cook, both of West Lauderdale.

New squad members are Katherine Upchurch, Neshoba Central; Corie Skinner, Amanda Barrett and Tori McInnis, all of Union; De'Obra Smith and India Ball, both of Louisville; Jasmine Pickens, Megan Pierce and Olivia Harrison, all Newton County; and Lorriana Burkes, Sebatopol.

### Accreditation

East Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate Degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of East Central Community College.

### Non-Discrimination

East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or age in admissions or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Compliance with Section 504 and Title IX is coordinated by Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building, Rm. 171, and P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. Telephone: 601-635-6202. Fax: 601-635-4011.

The EC Express, a publication for high school juniors and seniors in ECCC's five-county district (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties), is published three times a year (December, February and May) by the Office of Public Information with assistance provided by the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.





## ***ECCC Hosts EC's Got Talent***

East Central Community College held its annual talent show Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. Pictured left to right are: EC's Got Talent's Grand Prize Winner Layna Shackelford, a freshman liberal arts major from Columbus, who sang and played on the guitar "Loving You is Easy;" second place winners, an acapella duo, sophomore Computer Networking major Carolyn Young of Philadelphia and freshman liberal arts major Avery Ward of Morton; and third place winner was Austin Dye of Carthage, a sophomore engineering major, who played guitar and sang "Man of Constant Sorrows."



## **Interested in Attending ECCC?**

**Contact the Student Services Office to Arrange a Campus Visit!**  
**601-635-6205 or toll free 877-462-3222, ext. 205**

## **ECCC Centralettes Selected for 2011-12**

Members of the Centralettes, the dance line for the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band, have been selected for 2011-12, announced Thomas W. Carson, director of bands.

Returning members and their respective high schools include Anna Leach, Sebastopol; Ava Marie Adkins, Bailey Viverette and Loren Pullin, all of Union; Bailey Hartness, Raychal Reed and Ashley Arthur, all of Winston Academy; Erin Hathorn and Audrey Griffin, both of Louisville; and Alyse Webb, Noxapater.

New members include sophomores Lindsey Miller of Newton County and Brittany Burton of Winston Academy; and freshmen Claire Griffin and Hannah Farmer, both of Newton County; D'Angela Lang, Newton; Laura Shimfessel, Newton Academy; Laura Daniels, Neshoba Central; Brittney Darby, Scott Central; Amanda Williamson, Lake; and Kendall Taylor, Central Academy, Macon.

Nichol Hillman serves as Centralette coordinator/choreographer.



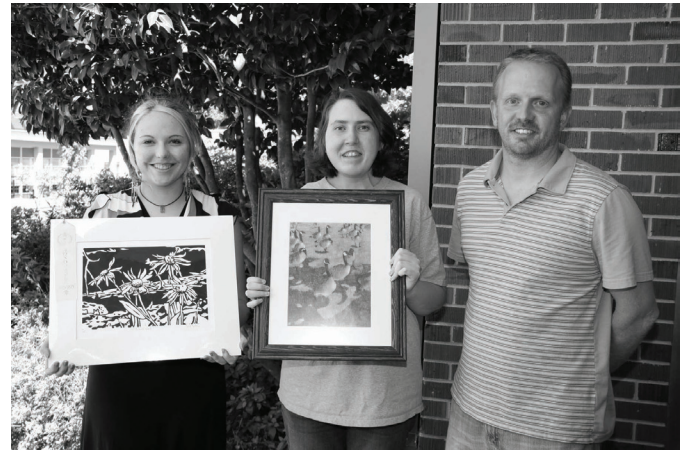
## **ECCC's 'William Winter Scholars'**

Sophomore Anna Alexander (left) of Little Rock and English instructor Ann Durham (right) of Forest represented East Central Community College in Decatur at the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration held Feb. 24-27, 2011. The 22nd annual event is held to recognize outstanding students and teachers in the humanities division of Mississippi's colleges, community colleges and universities. The honorees are referred to as "William Winter Scholars" in honor of former Gov. Winter (center), who has served as the Celebration's director of proceedings since it began in 1990. (Submitted Photo)



## ***All-Mississippi Academic Team Members***

Representing East Central Community College on the 2011 All-Mississippi Academic Teams are sophomores Meredith McKee (left) and Sarah Breland (right), both of Philadelphia, who are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin in front of the Mississippi State Capitol. McKee was chosen on the All-Mississippi Academic First Team and received a \$1,000 stipend. Breland was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team. Both honorees are products of Neshoba Central High School and were among the state's community and junior college students recognized for academic excellence and leadership accomplishments by the Mississippi State Legislature earlier this month. The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. (Photo courtesy Northwest Mississippi Community College Public Relations Staff)



## **Award-Winning Art Students**

Displaying their award-winning artwork are East Central Community College students (from left) Tara Martin of Forest and Brittany Bobo of Union, who are shown with art instructor Christopher Brady. Martin won honorable mention in printmaking for her linocut print "Wild Daises" at the 2011 Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Instructors' Association State Art Competition held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Bobo also won honorable mention for her photo "D.C. Geese" at the Goodwill Art Show held in Jackson. The photo was taken during a visit to Washington, D.C. The Goodwill Art Show is sponsored by Goodwill, Greater Jackson Arts Council and Very Special Arts, the international organization on arts and disability.

## **ECCC Cheerleaders Selected for 2011-12**

Members of the 2011-12 cheerleading squad were recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Shelly Thoms, cheer coach.

Sophomore cheerleaders and their respective high schools include Madison Nowell and Channing Bucklew, both of Winston Academy; Drew Smith, Louisville; Dayton Johnson and Whitney Stokes, both of Neshoba Central; Katie Reeves, Hailey Dunavent, Zach Pigg, Jesse Holloway and Whitney Myers, all of Newton County; Jacob Johnson, Nanih Waiya; and Ashli Bell, Scott Central.

Freshman squad members are Mallory Holder, Sylva Bay Academy; Claire Tadlock, Newton County; Aubree Middleton, Raleigh; and Kayleigh McCool, Neshoba Central.

Sophomore Lane Evans of Nanih Waiya was chosen Warrior Chief mascot.





## Receive Student Journalism Awards

Members of East Central Community College's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held March 24, 2011, at historic Duling Hall in Jackson. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Raychal Reed of Louisville; Ashley Moore, Meghan McIntosh and Christina Nollie, all of Carthage; Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest; and Stephanie Lunsford of Collinsville; and (back row, from left) Gennie Phillips, adviser; Tyler Yates of Decatur; and Colby Harvey of Newton. In the Better Newspaper Competition, members of The Tom-Tom staff earned the following awards: First place, Best General Interest Column; First place, Best Front Page; second place, Best Feature Story; second place, Best General News Photograph; second place, Best Miscellaneous Advertisement; third place, Best Sports Feature Story Category; and third place, Best Layout & Design, Best Editorials and Best Single Advertisement.



## Receive State SkillsUSA Awards

These career-technical students at East Central Community College in Decatur received various honors at the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships held at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. Award-winners include (first row, from left) Breshawn McNeal of Newton, second, Architectural Drafting; Lachelle Moss of Little Rock, third, Preschool Teaching Assistant; Sydney Mosley of Shubuta, first, Commercial Baking; Nancy Coats of Philadelphia, first, Culinary Arts; Mason Shelley of Forest, second, Residential Wiring; and Sydney Tucker of Union, third, CNC Turning Technology; (second row, from left) Adrianna Salgado of Union, Related Technical Math contestant; Jake Cain of Chunky,



second, Opening and Closing Team; Ashley Channell of Ackerman, second, Opening and Closing Team; Sheila Wright of Conehatta, second, Occupational Health and Safety; Leslie Crawford of Newton, second, Prepared Speech; Brandon Caldwell of Carthage, second, Industrial Motor Control; Shaun Palmer of Louisville, second, Precision Machining; (third row, from left) Jonathan Breedlove of Philadelphia, second, CNC Milling Technology; Lisa Hoskins of Philadelphia, second, Open and Closing Team; Meissa Thomas of Meridian, second, Opening and Closing Team; Sharon O'Neal of DeKalb, second, Open and Closing Team; Coeshia Meeks of Forest, Job Interview contestant; Chavon Denham of Forest, Cosmetology contestant; and A'Breon Moore of Bailey, third, Job Skill Demonstration B; and (fourth row, from left) Trent Hitt of Philadelphia, third, Collision Repair Technology; Lauren Breedlove of Philadelphia, first, Promotional Bulletin Board; Ashley Dearman of Enterprise, first, Promotional Bulletin Board; Stacey Boyd of Philadelphia, third, Job Skill Demonstration A; and Tyler Wright of Louisville, first, Technical Drafting. First-place winners qualify for the National Leadership and Skills Conference scheduled June 19-24 in Kansas City, MO. (Submitted Photo)



# Welcome! ECCC Athletic Signees/Commitments

(As of May 18, 2011)

<u>Name</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>High School</u>
<b>Football</b>		<b>Softball</b>		<b>Women's Basketball</b>	
Mitch Manley	Pittsburg, TX	A. J. Peeler	Neshoba Central	Roneisha Evans	Newton County
Shelby Moseley	SE Lauderdale	Marlee Massey	Neshoba Central	Jana Chickaway	Choctaw Central
Rob Moffitt	Winston Academy	Anna Walters	Stringer	Ashley Hardy	Newton
Dylan Alford	Leake Academy	Meaghan Turner	Tuscaloosa Academy	Tramekia Walker	Newton
Martin Wilson	Neshoba Central	Tori Taylor	West Lauderdale	Xzandra Dowd	Neville (Monroe, LA)
Jeremy Morgan	Philadelphia	Kaetlen Brown	Edgewood Academy (AL)	Areil Merriweather	Tuscaloosa Central
Aaron Dantzler	Purvis	Patti Cuevas	Central Academy (AL)		
Tarus White	South Leake	Mary Sanders	Adams Christian School	<b>Men's Basketball</b>	
Charlie Bell	Lake	Tenna Patterson	Lexington, AL	Lavadius Lyles	Forest
Trey Wynn	Tuscaloosa Hillcrest			Hakeem Wesley	Newton County
Will Selby	Harrison Central	<b>Baseball</b>		Marcus Henry	Thomastown
Jaabir Stephens	Tuscaloosa Hillcrest	Timothy Anderson	Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, AL)	Cordarion Nichols	Newton
Zack Vendenefer	Nanih Waiya	Clayton Ashley	Warren Central	Te'Jimion Leatherwood	Northport (Tuscaloosa, AL)
Austin Conn	Mize	Jamie Ball	Morton		
Courtney Mitchell	Oak Grove	Adam Blair	Tuscaloosa County	<b>Men's Soccer</b>	
Tim Oster	Ocean Springs	Marc Steven Cruso	Harrison Central	Bryor Shorter	Florence
Joe Brown	Scott Central	Blake Dubuisson	Long Beach	Ryne Riebock	Florence
Trace Wallace	Union	Dustin Floyd	Neshoba Central	DeShawn Kitchens	Florence
Dominique Carter	Nanih Waiya	Xavier Franklin	Newton County	Drew Norman	Florence
Larrin Kincaid	Morton	Kyle Henson	Starkville Academy	Tre Wilson	Warren Central
Za Reese	Morton	Fernando Gonzalez	San Ignacio, Puerto Rico	Andrew Hughes	West Harrison
Keivondre Watford	Tuscaloosa Central	Robert Greer	Neshoba Central	Jared Canoy	West Harrison
Cameron Stowers	Forest	Andrius Huddleston	Philadelphia	Jacob Norman	Gulfport
Freeman Gray	Tunica Academy	Jamichael Jones	Greenville Weston	Jordan Galvin	Long Beach
Bobby Boler	Philadelphia	Colby Maner	Morton	Tyravian Miller	Moss Point
Demetri Sheppard	South Leake	Khalik May	Tuscaloosa County	McGee Ledbetter	Heritage Academy (Columbus)
Brock Hall	Tuscaloosa Bryant	David McAdory	Louisville	Cody Myrick	Nanih Waiya
Dylen Warren	Neshoba Central	Caleb McKee	Neshoba Central	Jose Aju	Eupora
Terrence Steele	Neshoba Central	Ryan Shotts	Louisville	Javon Campbell	Oxford
Ben Brooks	Northeast Lauderdale	Coy Sorenson	Kosciusko	Terrell Forte	Newton County
Josh Montgomery	Morton	Shawn Wiseman	Richton	Clay Aikens	McLaurin
Steven Gray	Tunica Academy				
Vod Lucious	Tuscaloosa County	<b>Tennis</b>		<b>Women's Soccer</b>	
Remund Jackson	Tuscaloosa County	Andrew Hanna	Newton Academy	Kelsey Tadlock	Newton County
Cody Parkes	Nanih Waiya	Blake Cochran	Newton County	Claire Tadlock	Newton County
Park Stevens	New Hope	Levi French	Union	Erin Thornton	Newton County
Brandon Milner	Pillow Academy	Kelsey Tadlock	Newton County	Haley Covert	West Lauderdale
LaKenneth Weidman	South Leake			Baleigh Germany	West Lauderdale
Alexander Lee	Newton County	<b>Golf</b>		Lauren Shimfessel	Newton Academy
Johnny Kite	Nanih Waiya	Shelby Patterson	Forest		
Zack Conn	Mize	Lee McDill	Newton County		
Parker Jones	Winston Academy				
Shaquille Patrick	Scott Central				
Maha Bradford	Scott Central				
Josh Martin	Tuscaloosa Bryant				
Jacob Gilbert	Neshoba Central				
Dustin Tubby	Neshoba Central				





## ***ECCC Student-Athletes Receiving NJCAA Academic Honors***

These student-athletes who recently graduated from East Central Community College are recipients of various honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Honorees and their respective sports area include (seated from left) Anna Alexander (tennis) of Little Rock, NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA); Monica Vincent (soccer) of Decatur, Kasie Buckley (softball) and Summer Alexander (softball), both of Little Rock, Lauren Nicholas (softball), Sarah Breland (softball) and Abbie Joiner (softball), all of Philadelphia, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.8 - 3.99); and (standing from left) Jessica Harrison (soccer) of Little Rock, Walt Stinson (tennis) of Philadelphia and Chelsea Jones (softball) of Enterprise, also recipients of NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement; and Brooke Boulton (soccer) of Newton, Joel McKee (baseball) of Philadelphia, Kathryn White (soccer) of Meridian, Joey Walker (soccer) of Hickory, Bobby Bryan (baseball) of Crossett, Ark. and Vincent Kortbawi (baseball) of Moundville, Ala., recipients of the NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.6 - 3.79). Not pictured are Tyler Brant (baseball) of Southaven, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement; and Polly Vaughn (soccer) of Decatur, NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement. The outstanding student-athletes were recognized for their academic success at the College's 82nd Commencement held May 14, 2011, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.



## ***'All Shook Up' at ECCC***

Matthew Dempsey of Louisville as "Chad," a hip-swiveling, guitar-playing roustabout, tries to wake up the citizens of this sleepy, 1950s mid-western town as he sings "Come On Everybody" during the East Central Community College production of the Joe Dipietro musical "All Shook Up," inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley. The show was presented March 31-April 2 in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus.



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## State Champion Lady Diamond Warriors!



East Central Community College's softball team celebrates after defeating Mississippi Gulf Coast 7-6 in eight innings in the finals of the MACJC State Softball Tournament held Friday, April 29 on the Perkinston campus. It's the first state title for the Lady Diamond Warriors who improved to 32-11 under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. The talented squad finished runner-up in the Region 23 Tournament title and advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament in Normal, Ill.