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ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;

Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On the Cover:

Members of the ECCC Wall O' Sound Marching Band perform during halftime of the Warriors' game against Hinds Community College. The band's 2013 halftime show features a 'Blues Brothers' theme. Hunter Corhern serves as Director of Bands and his assistant is Ed Girling.

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From the Desk of the President

Dr. Billy Stewart

Eighty-five years ago, East Central Junior College was established to provide residents of east central Mississippi access to excellent postsecondary educational opportunities. Then, as now, state and local leaders knew that the economic prosperity and well-being of our state and region depends on an educated citizenry and workforce. Since those early days, hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by the learning opportunities provided by and through East Central Community College (ECCC) and our service

and commitment to educational excellence. However, as we acknowledge the college's role in the past, we must also be mindful of the obligation to keep delivering on the promise of a quality postsecondary education and training for residents of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties.

With that in mind, our college recently completed a comprehensive strategic planning process, 2020 Vision. 2020 Vision reflects the culmination of a shared vision for the future of ECCC. Using input from all stakeholders, our institution clarified our vision and mission statements, identified core values, and clearly defined the institutional commitments that will be the main focus of our future efforts to enrich and transform lives through quality educational programs and services offered the "EC Way—Excellence with Class." The adoption of this "roadmap for the future" is an important step in establishing the expectation that ECCC will continue to build upon its history of excellence and serve as a dynamic contributor to the post-secondary educational and training opportunities in east central Mississippi. I look forward to working with all of our constituents as we deliver responsive and relevant programs, advance key initiatives, leverage partnerships, and achieve excellence.

We have had a busy summer here at ECCC. I hope that visitors on campus will notice several improvements recently completed and/or ongoing. We have added new street signs and banners around campus to create a more collegiate environment. Some of the banners include our newly identified core values and serve as a reminder each day of who WE ARE at EC. Our cafeteria underwent a major facelift during the summer. We upgraded our Student Wellness Center with new elliptical machines and treadmills. We installed several new sidewalks and pedestrian lights throughout campus. Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium was also upgraded with a newly painted floor, and we anticipate installing new bleachers by mid-October. At homecoming this year, I hope that you will take the opportunity to walk around the campus to witness the improvements completed this summer through the efforts of Artie Foreman, Director of the Physical Plant, and his talented staff.



Speaking of homecoming on Saturday, October 12, 2013, we are diligently preparing for and planning a week filled with fun activities for our students, alumni, and guests as we celebrate our 85th year as one of Mississippi's 15 public community/junior colleges. I want to congratulate our 2013 Homecoming Honorees as well as the newest members of ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. Each one of these special individuals is featured in this edition of *The Warrior*, and we look forward to recognizing and honoring them at the luncheon on Saturday.

I began my tenure as the eighth president of ECCC on July 1, 2012, and what a wonderful year it has been. It seems almost impossible that I recently completed my first year as president. To say that time has flown would be an understatement. I am so grateful for the encouragement and support I have received from faculty, staff, students, members of the Board of Trustees, and community members during this inaugural year. I jokingly say that the Lord or the Board will have to move me from this special place and I quickly add that either one of them can at any time! I certainly understand and accept that. However, while I am here I have made a personal commitment to strive to make a positive difference in the lives of the people the Lord brings into my path each day.

One thing I have learned during this first year at ECCC is that our college is blessed with tremendous community support. Therefore, on behalf of our entire college family, I would like to thank you for your support and continued partnership as we set about each year to improve the lives of our students and make our community a better place for all of us. Please know that we will always strive to maintain the respect and confidence of the communities we serve.

Finally, I have mentioned this before but every day as I enter the administration building, I pray that the Lord will provide His wisdom as I fulfill the duties of the office I am blessed to occupy. As we begin this new academic year, I am reminded of a verse of scripture that became very important to me in the days following the death of my father on Monday, January 7, 2013. Jeremiah 29:11 states: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Just as that applies to an individual, I believe that it also can apply to an institution. I am confident that this verse will be applicable as ECCC strives to achieve 2020 Vision and I look forward to what we will accomplish this year—together!

I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Warrior*!

Mark Your Calendars!

HOMECOMING

October 12, 2013

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR
Carolyn Cook Huey
Class of 1965

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
Max Huey
Class of 1965

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Pete Lucovich
Class of 1973

Marcus Thames
Class of 1997

ADDITIONAL HONOREES

Classes of 1957-1958-1959

Class of 1963

Warrior and Lady Warrior Basketball Teams
from 1937-1971

1st Graduating LPN Class
(20th Anniversary)

All Classes Ending in "3"

SPECIAL HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES PLANNED

East Central Community College will host its 2013 Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 12, announced Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Activities begin with the annual 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Fun Run, which will be held at 7:30 a.m. on the College's North Campus. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

Homecoming registration begins at 9 a.m. on the East Mall Patio near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The Memorabilia Room will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Campus Bookstore 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The annual Alumni Luncheon begins at 11 a.m. in Mabry Cafeteria, during which recipients of Alumni Association Awards will be recognized. New Alumni Association officers will also be elected.

Reunion groups are scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium. They include the Classes of 1957, '58 and '59, · Warrior and Lady Warrior Basketball Teams from 1937-1971, the 1st Graduating LPN Class (20th Anniversary) and the Class of 1963, which will celebrate its Golden Anniversary and receive special 50th anniversary diplomas. Also reuniting are members of all classes ending in "3:" 1943, 1953, 1973, 1983, 1993 & 2003.

The annual Warrior Club meeting and Lil' Warrior Kid Zone will also be held at the stadium. The Kid Zone will be open from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The Warrior football team will host Mississippi Delta Community College in a 2:30 p.m. matchup.

Halftime activities will include recognition of ring presentation for the 2013 State Champion Diamond Warrior baseball team, recognition of alumni honorees, the presentation of the Queen and her court and a full performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

For more information, contact Hollingsworth at 601-635-6327 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

Homecoming • October 12, 2013 Schedule of Events

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| 7 a.m. | Registration for Homecoming 5K Run/Walk & 1-Mile Kids' Fun Run
North Campus Pavilion · Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m. |
| 9 a.m. | Homecoming Registration Begins
Book Signing for "The East Central I Knew: A History of East Central Community College" by Ovid Vickers
East Mall Patio Near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria
Refreshments Available |
| 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Memorabilia Room Open -Burton Library |
| 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Bookstore Open -Smith Student Union |
| 11 a.m. | Alumni Luncheon -Mabry Memorial Cafeteria
· Luncheon Tickets \$12 Per Person
· Election of 2013-2014 Alumni Association Officers
· Recognition of Homecoming Honorees |
| 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Lil Warrior Kid Zone -Bailey Stadium |
| 1 p.m. | Reunion Groups Meet -Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium
· Classes of 1957-1958-1959
· Class of 1963
· Warrior and Lady Warrior Basketball Teams 1937-1971
· 1st Graduating LPN Class (20th Anniversary)
· Classes of 1943, 1953, 1973, 1983, 1993 & 2003 |
| 1:30 p.m. | Warrior Club Tailgating and Annual Meeting -Bailey Stadium
Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1963
Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium |
| 2:30 p.m. | Football Game -ECCC vs. MS Delta
Halftime
· Recognition of Homecoming Honorees
· Presentation of Queen and Court
· Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band
· Warrior Baseball State Championship Ring Presentation |

Max and Carolyn Huey

Selected Alumni of the Year

For the first time in school history, a husband and wife have been named Alumnus and Alumna of the Year, respectively, at East Central Community College.

Max and Carolyn Cook Huey of Picayune, both members of the Class of 1965, were recently selected for the honors after each was nominated by a different person and later selected by a committee of ECCC alumni representatives. They will be recognized during the college's annual Homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, October 12.

Both Max and Carolyn said they were surprised when College President Dr. Billy Stewart contacted them regarding their selection.

"What a wonderful honor," Carolyn said of her selection. "I thought what have I done to deserve this? So many others I'm sure have done much more."

Max added, "I was humbled and honored when I received the call."

Max retired in 2012 as CEO and Chairman of the Board at First National Bank in Picayune, a position he held since 1990. Carolyn is a retired school teacher, having taught upper elementary and junior high school in Petal and junior high school in Picayune.

The Hueys are both active in civic and professional organizations and have been dedicated to bettering the communities in which they have lived.

"One of the themes I took from East Central (Community College) was that one needed to work hard and improve the community in which they live," Max said.

Carolyn added, "I have been very active in civic organizations all my life. The Civic Woman's Club motto 'Service to your community is the price you pay for the space you occupy' has always stood out to me, perhaps because I've always tried to serve my community wherever we lived."

Max served in the banking profession for 41 years, including stints at Deposit Guaranty Bank in Petal and Hattiesburg and was a member of the Mississippi Bankers



Max Huey
Class of 1965



Carolyn Huey
Class of 1965

Association where he served on the Executive Committee.

He was a member of the Petal Optimist Club for 20 years and was active in coaching Dixie Youth sports when his children were young. Since moving to Picayune, he has been active in the Rotary Club and for many years helped organize and participated in the group's annual Fishing Rodeo for special education children. He was the recipient of the R.H. Crosby President's Cup and was selected Rotarian of the Year.

In 2009, he was selected Citizen of the Year by the Greater Picayune Area Chamber of Commerce.

Max recently completed a five-year term on the Mississippi Community College Board and is a former member of the Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees.

Carolyn spent 29 years as a school teacher before retiring in 1996. She was nominated on several occasions for Who's Who Among American Teachers and was nominated for Teacher of the Year in 1991.

She served as President of the Petal Association of Educators and was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa national teachers' organization. She helped organize the Picayune chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa where she served as the group's first President and received a 25-year service certificate.

She is a member of the Picayune Civic Woman's Club, of which she was named Clubwoman of the Year in 1996 and served as Grand Marshal of the Christmas Parade that same year. Carolyn was also selected Outstanding New Club Member in 1993.

As a member of the Mississippi Federation of Woman's Clubs (MFWC), Carolyn served in various positions including Secretary and President-Elect prior to her term as state President from 2008-2010. She received the Jennie Award in 2006, the highest award given to a state member for leadership.

For her "President's Special Project," a statewide initiative by the MFWC, she chose an Emergency Needs Fund for Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital Pediatric Cardiology Department, which raised in

excess of \$80,000.

"I chose Batson's Cardiology Department after our second grandchild, Jonathan, was born with Hypo-Plastic Left Heart Syndrome," Carolyn said. "By the time he was two years old he had three open heart surgeries at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. We were there for everything and were able to be in a room attached to the hospital. Others were not as fortunate and were sleeping on couches and getting dressed in public restrooms. This made me aware of the need for funds to help those who couldn't take care of themselves."

Both Max and Carolyn served as co-chairs of the Highlanders Club, a Foundation set up to support the new Highland Community Hospital in Picayune.

They are also active members of First Baptist Church, Picayune, and have served on numerous committees. Carolyn has also been active in the church choir and mixed ensemble.

Both Max and Carolyn credit family as their greatest influences.

"My parents, Cline and Mary Lee Cook were very hard working and always wanted better for their children," Carolyn said. "Getting an education and attending college was never an option. My brother attended East Central three semesters before enlisting in the Navy and getting an appointment to West Point. Both sisters attended East Central and then MSCW (Mississippi State

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College for Women). All four of us were teachers so education has played a major role in my life."

Neighbors, high school friends and college roommates were also among those who all had a great effect on Carolyn's life. "It looks like it took the whole community to raise me!" she said.

One such neighbor, Winifred McElhane Vincent, widow of former ECCC President W. Arno Vincent, said of Max and Carolyn Huey, "I believe a cross-stitch sampler done by their daughter, Renee, says it all, 'Chance made us neighbors, hearts made us friends.' They are most deserving of this honor bestowed on them."

In addition to his mother, Willie Mae Huey, insisting he attend college, Max said his brothers, who all still reside in the Decatur area, encouraged him to attend and have always been very supportive of him.

Both credit their time at then East Central Junior College as some of their best days. And it was at the college where they first met.

"I had served three years in the Army before coming to East Central. I promised my mother I would go to college if she would sign for me to join the Army. I was only 17 at the time," Max said. "So when I returned to go to college, I applied to drive the school bus. Carolyn was the last house on the route and I didn't pick her up.

"I was in the registration line outside Huff Auditorium later that day and she proceeded to chew me out. When she left, I asked the principal who she was and I made sure to pick her up the next day!"

Carolyn was active in the music department at East Central and was a member of the band, choir and Bell Cantos ensemble. She also participated in the Baptist Student Union.

"I remember my sophomore



Max and Carolyn Huey

voice recital where I was performing a song from Sampson and Delilah. I was anxious to get it over with and somehow got ahead of myself. Miss (Brenda, music teacher) Cox was flipping pages as fast as she could and somehow we managed to finish at the same time!"

Among teachers who influenced her life were high school English instructor Lillian Horton who she said, "made me believe in myself and realize if I wanted something I could attain it" and ECJC BSU Director Gladys Bryant whom she had "great respect for."

Music instructors Mr. (Robert) Fick and Miss Cox and history instructor Dr. Richard

Ethridge were also favorites.

"They (Fick and Cox) helped fulfill my love of music and Dr. Ethridge made western civilization come alive!" she said.

Max said he made many friends at East Central and still maintains those friendships today. But his involvement in campus life was limited as he spent most of his time working.

"I worked and drove a bus. On the weekends, I worked at Charles Sims' Shell Station. I only had time to go to class and attend all performances of the Bell Cantos!" he said.

His most memorable East Central instructors were J. Wallace Bedwell, Jessie Mae Everett, Dr. Richard Ethridge and L.B.

Simmons.

"Mr. Bedwell always told us 'If you don't understand the numbers, you won't be successful at business.' Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett always encouraged you to improve your skills and made you believe you could. Of course, Dr. Ethridge taught me more about Western Civilization than I really wanted to know, but you learned other important things while attending his class.

"Mr. Simmons, my economics instructor, talked about 'guns vs. butter' and we are still discussing those issues today."

The Hueys dated throughout their time at East Central and then both attended and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Max completed his bachelor's degree in business administration and has completed additional studies at Louisiana State University. Carolyn received her bachelor's in education and later received a master's in education from William Carey College (now University).

Following their graduation from USM, Max and Carolyn were married in 1968.

They agreed their greatest accomplishment is their family, which Carolyn said includes "two fabulous children and six sweetie-pies."

Their daughter, Renee, lives in Olive Branch with her husband, Lance Presley, and three children, Jonathan, Joshua and Payton. Their son, Stewart, lives in Picayune with his wife, Julie, and children, Madalyn, Lauren and Hadley.

Since retiring, the Hueys enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends. They are currently dividing time between their home in Picayune and a newly built home in Decatur.

Pete Lucovich Joins Athletic Hall of Fame

Pete Lucovich spent 32 years as a successful high school coach and teacher at Carthage High School following a standout football and baseball career at then East Central Junior College from 1971-73.

In recognition of his success in athletics, Lucovich will be inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2013 Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 12.

Lucovich and former Major League Baseball player and Louisville native Marcus Thames, now of Tampa, Fla., will be enshrined at the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Lucovich, who came to EC following a stellar athletic career at Hickory High School, said he is "deeply honored and thankful" for the prestigious award.

When he retired in 2010, Lucovich had logged 28 years as athletic director and head football coach at Carthage High School, where his teams compiled an overall record of 162 wins and 125 losses.

He led 10 Tiger teams to the state playoffs, and three squads (1991, 1992 and 2007) finished Class AAA South State runners-up.

He also had four squads (1983, 1991, 1992 and 2007) to achieve number-one rankings in the state during season competition.

Lucovich also achieved success as a junior varsity head football coach, compiling and overall 49-14 mark.

He also served as golf and tennis coach at CHS.

He led the golf team for 12 years (1998-2010) and seven squads qualified for state tournament competition.

He coached tennis for eight years (2002-2010), compiling four district tournament titles and a state tournament appearance.

Lucovich received numerous honors and awards throughout his career, and credits the ECCC staff and coaches "for preparing me for a successful teaching and coaching career."

Honors include Choctaw Conference Football Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1983; District VI Football Coach of the Year in 1991 and District V Football Coach of the Year in 2007; District IV Tennis Coach of the Year in 2006, 2007 and 2008; District V Golf Coach of the Year in 2006; and Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) Athletic Director of the Year in 2004-05.

In addition, he served as president of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) for District V, which includes 36 schools in 10 counties.

Lucovich was a member of the MAC



Pete Lucovich
Class of 1973

from 1977-2013 and served on the organization's Board of Directors from 1998-2006.

He was also a feature coach in the Gridiron Gold book published in 2007 by the Mississippi Sports Council and Mike Frascogna.

He served on the Leake County Country Club Board of Directors from 1997-2003.

He is a lifetime member of the ECCC Alumni Association and is a member of the Warrior Club, a fundraising organization for the College's athletic teams.

Although retired from full-time employment, Lucovich continues to teach driver's education on a part-time basis at Leake County High School.

Lucovich began his athletic career at Hickory High School, where the 1971 graduate was a three-year All-Choctaw Conference selection in football, basketball and baseball.

He was awarded a football scholarship by Warrior head coach Ken Pouncey and assistant Willie "Tenny" Coats, and recalls beginning his career a little earlier than expected.

"We opened the 1971 football season with Jones County in Laurel and I was a freshman playing on special teams and was a back-up wide receiver," Lucovich said. "On the first play of the game, Jimmy Wright of Forest, our starting wide receiver, separated his shoulder. I had to play the rest of the game on offense. I caught two passes from quarterback Freddie Bagley (also of Forest) to keep scoring drives alive. We won the game 14-3....but I had not expected to begin

the season playing as a freshman!"

Another highlight of his freshman season involves the College's longtime rival- East Mississippi Community College, or more commonly referred to as simply "Scooba."

"We were taught very early of the rivalry between East Central and East Mississippi," said Lucovich. "My freshman year we played them in Decatur and all week the sophomores on the team told us about the possibility of a fight breaking out during the game."

He continued, "They instructed us in what to do making sure we kept our helmets on during a fight. During the game our mascot - a Warrior riding a horse - rode over to the Scooba side to celebrate an East Central touchdown. The Scooba students took exception to this, an altercation followed, and before you knew it a huge fight had broken out between the fans. The game was stopped momentarily until order was restored in the stands! We won the game 28-25 without a fight occurring among the players on the field. The fight that night belonged to the fans in the stands!"

The 1971 squad finished 7-3 and recorded other impressive victories over Itawamba (30-0), Northwest (7-0), Holmes (34-14), Northeast (41-7) and Southwest (35-13). Narrow losses were to Gulf Coast (28-27), Pearl River (13-7) and Delta (14-9).

The Warriors were MACJC North Division co-champions but lost a coin flip to determine which team would represent the division in the state championship game.

During his sophomore season, Lucovich was a two-way starter, as he played flanker on offense and was a defensive cornerback. He was also a punt returner.

EC finished 4-6 in 1972 with wins over Northwest (29-8), Delta (27-0), Northeast (19-3) and Itawamba (13-6).

Lucovich was an honorable mention Mississippi Junior College All-Conference selection following his sophomore campaign.

He also excelled in baseball and led the Warriors with a .365 batting average in his sophomore campaign, during which he was a shortstop and pitcher.

In recalling his EC days, Lucovich said he mostly enjoyed "the camaraderie with fellow athletes/classmates, coaches and faculty."

Regarding his least favorite experience, Lucovich replied: "No doubt it was the three-a-day football practices in the Mississippi August heat when drinking lots of water was not encouraged for athletes!"

After graduating from EC in 1973,

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Marcus Thames Selected for Athletic Hall of Fame

Marcus Thames is the only former East Central Community College baseball player to experience a 15-year career in Major League Baseball.

Not only did he “experience” a long career, his first at-bat resulted in a home run and he continued the successful journey in a World Series.

In recognition of his success on the diamond, Thames will be inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2013 Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 12 on the Decatur campus.

Thames and former Carthage High School head football coach Pete Lucovich will be enshrined at the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Thames, who is continuing his career in professional baseball as a coach in the New York Yankees’ minor league system in Tampa, Fla., said he was “speechless” when informed of his selection for the prestigious award.

“When Dr. (Billy) Stewart called me I was so shocked I could not speak,” said Thames. “I never thought for a second that when I walked on East Central’s campus in January of 1996 that this honor was in the making. I am very appreciative.”

The Louisville native began his major league career by belting a home run off Cy Young winner Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks at Yankee Stadium on June 10, 2002.

Thames hit the dinger off the first pitch he saw from Johnson and became the 80th player in history to accomplish such a feat.

As his coaches and teammates were laughing in amazement, Thames stepped out of the dugout for a curtain call to a capacity crowd at Yankee Stadium!

(Ironically, his last at-bat at the old Yankee Stadium was a home run and his first hit at new Yankee Stadium during his second stint with the Yankees in 2010 was a homer!)

Thames spent just one season with the Yankees who traded the outfielder to the Texas Rangers on June 6, 2003.

He began his career with the Rangers as he did with the Yankees, by belting a home run in his first at-bat!

The following two seasons Thames split times between the Detroit Tigers and their AAA affiliate, the Toledo Mud Hens.

In 2006, Thames made his opening day roster for new Detroit manager Jim Leyland.

He was regarded as a “key component” to the Tigers’ vast improvement in 2006, which resulted in the American League pennant and a trip to the World Series, won in five games by the St. Louis Cardinals.



Marcus Thames
Class of 1997

Thames set career highs in every offensive category during the championship season. He batted .256 with 26 home runs and 60 RBIs in only 348 at bats. He was infamously nicknamed “Country Strong” by Tigers broadcaster Rod Allen.

Other highlights of Thames’ career in Detroit came during the 2007 season. On July 1, he hit a solo home run on the bottom of the eighth inning to score the only run in a victory over the Minnesota Twins. On July 6, he hit the third grand slam of his career at Comerica Park against the Boston Red Sox. Two days later, Thames belted one of the longest home runs in the history of Comerica Park, when his dinger to center-field bounced off the camera area.

The following season, Thames hit eight home runs in seven consecutive games from June 11 to June 17, becoming the first Tiger in team history to achieve that feat. During the streak, eight consecutive hits were home runs!

On August 9, 2009, Thames hit his 100th career homer. He was released from the Tigers at the end of the season.

Thames signed a minor league deal to return to the Yankees on February 8, 2010. His contract was purchased prior to the regular season, adding him to the Yankees’ opening day roster.

Although he usually only started against left-handed pitchers. Thames came through with several big hits in 2010.

On May 17, he hit a walk-off home run against Boston Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon. On July 4, he returned from a DL stint to hit a game-ending single against the

Toronto Blue Jays. On August 11, he helped the Yankees rally from a five-run deficit by hitting a home run in the eighth inning and a go-ahead single in the ninth inning to beat the Rangers. In a six-game stretch from August 24 to August 30, Thames had six home runs and 11 RBIs in 21 at bats!

Normally an outfielder, Thames made his first career appearance at third base on July 29, 2010 but later returned to the outfield.

During the 2010 American League Championship Series, Thames served as designated hitter. The Yankees lost the series to the Texas Rangers in six games.

Thames elected free agency from the New York Yankees on November 7, 2010.

He signed a one-year deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers for the 2011 season. He made 70 appearances for the Dodgers prior to his release in July.

Thames completed his career with a .245 batting average, 115 home runs and 301 RBIs. He averaged a home run every 15.4 at bats. He reached 100 home runs in 1,549 at bats, which is fewer than any other player with 100 home runs.

Thames was drafted twice by the New York Yankees before beginning his major league career.

He was first tapped in the 30th round of the amateur draft following his freshman season at East Central in 1996, when he batted .382 with three home runs, seven triples, 14 doubles and 36 RBIs.

Thames preferred instead to return to Jamie Clark’s Diamond Warrior squad and sharpen his skills.

The 1997 Diamond Warriors were MACJC State Tournament runners-up and advanced to the Region 23 Tournament en route to a record 40 wins and just 18 losses.

Thames led the offense with a then school record .420 batting average and had 13 home runs while collecting 70 RBIs.

He was named to NJCAA All-American, All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State squads following his record-setting season.

Thames credits the late Jamie Clark for his success in Major League Baseball.

“Thanks to Coach Clark, I excelled on and off the field,” Thames said, “The work ethic he instilled in me stayed with me throughout my professional career.”

Thames also has fond memories of his two years at East Central.

“From the moment I arrived on campus, I felt comfortable,” he said. “East Central welcomes its students with open arms. From my coaches, to professors, to team-

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East Central Community College and the East Central Community College Foundation Cordially Invite you to Attend 'An Evening with Coach Herman Boone of Remember the Titans'

Herman Boone, legendary head football coach at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and the inspiration behind the 2000 blockbuster movie Remember the Titans starring Academy Award-winner Denzel Washington, will speak at East Central Community College on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur Campus.

Coach Boone will share lessons in diversity, respect, teamwork, community involvement, and the importance of character. He will also offer commentary about his experiences associated with Remember the Titans. Following his presentation, Coach Boone will engage in a Q&A session in the auditorium.

Coach Boone's address and Q&A session will be followed by a reception in Mabry Cafeteria where attendees will have an opportunity to meet and speak to the celebrated coach. Please note that all of these events are free of charge and open to the public, but due to limited space in Huff Auditorium seating at the event will be on a first come-first served basis.

This free event is made possible through the financial support of the East Central Community College Foundation and the Oliphant-Martin Faculty Excellence Endowment. For more information on this speaker, please visit www.apbspeakers.com.



Herman Boone

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Lucovich continued his education and athletic career at Mississippi State University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1975 and a master's degree in 1976.

While at MSU, he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity and participated in intramural football and received the Douglas Lee Dunn Outstanding Athlete Award for 1974-75.

It was at MSU where he met his future wife, the former Kay McCain of Eupora.

They have a son, Lance Lucovich, 31; and a daughter, Anna Lucovich, 26.

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mates and friends....it was like a family."

Thames made frequent visits to the EC campus during his professional career and often spoke to Lucille Wood's physical education classes prior to her retirement in 2011.

During one of Thames' visits to EC, his number "24" was retired during a ceremony held at the 2007 First Pitch Dinner prior the Diamond Warriors' season opener.

Thames and the late Jamie Clark are the only ECCC baseball team members to have their jersey numbers retired.

Both jerseys are on display in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and replicas are displayed on the right field fence at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. Clark's number was "41."

Thames has donated various autographed items to the ECCC Memorabilia Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

He continues to provide support for the Diamond Warrior program.

Thames and his wife Danna have four children, Deja, Jade, Marcus, Jr., and Ella.



Lucases Donate Items to ECCC

Van Lucas and his wife, Kay Fulton Lucas, recently donated various items from their days at East Central Junior College to the ECCC Memorabilia Room, located in Burton Library. Van, shown with Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, attended EC from 1961-1963 and played baseball in 1961-62 and football in 1962-63. He was also selected Mr. ECJC and served as Student Body Association President. Kay attended EC from 1962-64. She was selected Homecoming Queen and was a cheerleader. The Newton couple donated an ECJC Pennant, Cheerleader Cushion, ECJC Tie Clip, and Van's football letterman sweater, which he wore for the presentation. The items will eventually be housed in the Athletic Museum of the soon-to-be renovated Founders Gymnasium.

WANTED: ALUMNI NEWS

Would you like to be a featured alumnus/alumna in the next issue of The Warrior?

Please send the information below, along with a color photograph, to the Public Information Office, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS, 39327 or e-mail mmcleod@eccc.edu or bjohnston@eccc.edu.

Name:

Years Attended ECCC:

Activities Involved at ECCC:

Most Memorable Moment at ECCC:

Senior College Attended/Graduated From:

Current Occupation:

Career Highlights:



EAST CENTRAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CLASSES OF 1957, 1958, AND 1959 CLASS REUNION AND DINNER

7 p.m. • Friday, October 11

**Molly McGee Gold Room in
Mabry Memorial Cafeteria**

\$15 per person

**Those planning to attend the
Friday night reunion should
contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth,
Executive Director for Foundation
and Alumni Relations at
601-635-6327 or
e-mail sholling@eccc.edu**

7th Annual Homecoming 5K Run/Walk/Kids 1 Mile Fun Run Saturday, October 12, 2013

Entry Fee: \$20 Per Participant • T-Shirt and Medallion Presented to all Participants

Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m. on the North Campus near Clark/Gay Baseball Complex and the course runs throughout the campus.

For more information contact Dr. Phillip Crenshaw at 601-635-2111, ext. 281 or e-mail pcrenshaw@eccc.edu

Mail completed form and entry fee to the ECCC Alumni Association, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Sex: _____ Age on Race Day: _____

I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release East Central Community College and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participating in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Date _____

Signature (Parent or Guardian if Under 18) _____

Please Circle: 5K Run or 5K Walk

T-Shirt Size: Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

Previous ECCC Alumni Honorees

Alumni of the Year

1964	B.O. Smith, Louisville
1965	Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966	Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967	Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968	W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969	Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970	Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971	Charles Carter, Jackson
1972	Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson
1973	Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974	Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975	W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976	John Risher, Philadelphia
1977	Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
1978	Class of 1928, First Class
1979	Glen D. Walker, Union
1980	Russell Walton, Union
1981	Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982	Denver Brackeen, Union
1983	Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984	Herman Alford, Philadelphia
1985	Carl B. Cooper, Decatur
	Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986	Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
	Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987	Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
	Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, AL
1988	Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
	Dr. Vernie Prevost, Hixon, TN
1989	Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
	Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson
1990	Larry Hogue, Flowood
	Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991	Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond
	Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur
1992	Earl Marshall, Clinton
	June Bailey, Biloxi
1993	Melvin Tingle, Decatur
	Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville
1994	Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson
	Rev. Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, NC
1995	Dr. John Gipson, Newton
	Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol
1996	Ray Britt, Walnut Grove
	Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest
1997	Dick Livingston, Pulaski
	Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur
1998	T.H. "Tam" Etheridge, Jackson
	Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia
1999	Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur
	Illene Richie Gordon, Union
2000	LeBrun Hutchison, Littleton, CO
	Jeanette Beavers Thrash, Decatur
2001	Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinnati, OH
	Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove
2002	Harvey Trapp, Newton
	Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville
2003	Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl
	Frances Harris Smith, Decatur

2004	Dr. John G. Hollingsworth, Commerce, GA
	Ann Hunter Burkes, Decatur
2005	Bill Lovett, Forest
	Maxie Dodson Phillips, University Park, MD
2006	Judge Marcus D. Gordon, Union
	Dr. Sandra Rivers Weeks, Commerce, TX
2007	Houston W. Patrick, Martin, TN
	Ollie Faye Wood Woodward Flint, Philadelphia
2008	Richard E. "Dick" Mayo, Decatur
	Marijo James Denson, Decatur
2009	Jack Winstead, Lawrence
	Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks, Picayune
2010	William L. "Bill" Bailey, Decatur
	Brig. Gen. Amelia Kennedy, Louisville
2011	Dr. Frank Bowen, Carthage
	Dr. Nicole Flint Harrison, Union
2012	Wallace Strickland, Meridian
	Carole Pace Henry, Madison

Lifetime Achievement Awards

1991	Dr. Austin P. Boggan, Decatur
1994	Homer Hunter, Decatur
	Ovid Vickers, Decatur
1996	W.H. Johnson, Decatur
	J.W. Thrash, Decatur
	James E. Land, Union

Athletic Hall of Fame

1985	Denver Brackeen, Union
1986	Lucille Wood, Louisville
1987	Billy Wayne Baucum, Decatur
1988	Howard J. Sessums, Harperville
1989	Lamar Blount, Decatur
	Earl Marshall, Clinton
	Arno Vincent, Meridian
1990	Richard Harris, Hickory
	Jeff Loper, Decatur
	Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
1991	Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs
	Larry Henderson, Daphne, AL
	Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, FL
1992	Joe Clark, Decatur
	Evelyn Bender, Newton
	Dr. Bert Thompson, Clinton
1993	Louis V. Watwood, Arlington, VA
	Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, Decatur
	Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville
1994	Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, GA
	Charlene Jones Bates, Forest
	Malcolm "Puddin" Jones, Decatur
1995	Clayton Blount, Decatur
	Nan Huston Keenan, Rose Hill
	James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville
	M.E. "Boe" Davis, Cary, NC
1996	Malcolm Phillips, Newton
	Julie Latham, Morton
	John W. Golden, Stone Mountain, GA

1997	Tommy Williamson Alfonso, Gulfport
	Lester Baucum, Wiggins
	James L. "Creeper" Nelson, Newton
1998	Van Chancellor, Houston, TX
	Deborah Norwood Duncan, Philadelphia
	Howard Sessums, Clinton
1999	Charles E. Ward, Pace, FL
	Daisy Kate Williams Chaney, Union
	Sam Rutigliano, Forest, VA
2000	Billy Ray Dill, Escatawpa
	Sue Gunter, Baton Rouge, LA
	Jimmy Rea, Madison
2001	Charles Payne, Florence
	Sammy Pace, Decatur
	Willie "Tenny" Coats, Decatur
2002	Freddie J. Bagley, Forest
	James E. "Jim" Nabers, Louisville
	Robert L. Thomas, Philadelphia
2003	Roy Baker, Clinton
	Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville
	Rex Keeton, Morton
	Mark Killens, Newton
2004	Marcus Mann, Forest
	Ken Pouncey, Decatur
2005	Bob Tom Johnson, Forest
	Lucy Young, Vicksburg
2006	Melvin Carpenter, Ocala, FL
	Wilmer James, Brandon
2007	Joy Eichelberger Hannah
	Clyde Muse, Raymond
	Gaines Massey,
2008	A.J. Kilpatrick, Grenada
	Jamie Clark, Decatur
2009	Wanda Blackwell McPhail, Meridian
	Donald Acton, Knoxville, TN
2010	Chris Harris, Decatur
	Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin, Carthage
2011:	Kenneth Dunagin, Decatur
	James "Jimmy" Fisackerly, New Orleans, LA
2012:	Granville Freeman, Lake
	Tommy McCullough, Philadelphia

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

Those wishing to make nominations for East Central Community College Alumna/Alumnus of the Year or Athletic Hall of Fame should contact Stacey Hollingsworth in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations at 601-635-6327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu. Nominations are accepted through June 1 each year.

EC Ranked Among America's Top 50 Community Colleges

East Central Community College in Decatur is once again nationally recognized for its success in providing a quality education.

ECCC is ranked the 23rd best community college in the nation, according to the Sept. 2013 edition of Washington Monthly, which included ECCC in its 2013 College Guide's annual ranking of "America's Top 50 Community Colleges."

According to the publication, "...rankings are based entirely on measures of best educational practices and actual student success. Of the eight measures that determine each college's rank, five are from the respected Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)....colleges that connect with their students and challenge them to do a good work get particularly high marks. It's also crucial to keep students on track to finish their degrees. That's why this year's rankings include three measures that are used by the Aspen Institute's annual Prize for Community College Excellence: the percentage of new students who return for a second year; the

percentage who graduate or transfer elsewhere within three years; the percentage of new students who return for a second year; and the overall ratio of credentials granted for every 100 students enrolled."

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart expressed his appreciation to faculty and staff on receiving the national recognition in a campus-wide e-mail.

"I want to be the first to congratulate the entire East Central Community College family for this honor," wrote Dr. Stewart. "While we will face many challenges in the years ahead as we strive to fulfill the commitments of 2020 Vision the EC Way - Excellence with Class, we are on our way to achieving our vision of being nationally recognized!"

Dr. Stewart also challenged the faculty and staff to reach even greater heights in providing a quality education for East Central students.

"Our faculty and staff will be encouraged by this great recognition, but they will also be motivated to continue to provide

excellent learning opportunities for the students and communities we are called and blessed to serve," said Dr. Stewart. "At East Central, we are all in the business of student success. Therefore, we will always strive to provide high quality educational and training programs and services that provide the greatest impact on the teaching and learning process."

The Washington Monthly is a bimonthly, nonprofit magazine of United States politics and government based in Washington, D.C. Its annual college and university rankings began as a research report in 2005 and according to the publication, "We give high marks to institutions that enroll low-income students, help them graduate, and don't charge them an arm and a leg to attend.... Our rankings aim to identify institutions that are acting on behalf of the true public trust."

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, at 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The email address is rllee@eccc.edu.



ECCC Trustees Honored for Service

These members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were honored for their service at the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held July 12-13, 2013, in Biloxi. Receiving special recognition and their respective years of service include (from left) Ricky Goldman of Philadelphia, 10 years; Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, 10 years; former Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, 45 years; and Randal Livingston of Louisville, 25 years. The trustees were also honored at the ECCC Board of Trustees meeting held August 13, 2013.

Updates, Improvements Made in Many Areas on Campus



Various updates have been made to the ECCC campus over the past few months. Among the improvements are street banners with the college's new logos (1), new equipment in the Wellness Center located in Smith Student Union Building (2), new tables, paint and other equipment in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria (3); a refinished floor with new athletic logos in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium (4); and new street signs which include the new college seal (5).

Preparing for ECCC Homecoming

Finalizing plans for East Central Community College's 2013 Homecoming celebration are the above Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors, who include (seated from left) Florence Harkins Henley of Starkville, out-of-district representative; Ann Hunter Burkes of Decatur, Newton County representative; Alumni Association officers Jeanette Beevers Thrash of Decatur, secretary, Lois Blount Cooper of Madison, president, and Dow Thomas of Louisville, vice president; and Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations; and (standing from left) Harvey Trapp of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Billy Stewart, ECCC President; Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Jerald Everett of Clinton, out-of-district representative; ECCC staff members Dr. Randall Lee, vice president for student services, Dr. Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction and Amanda Walton, workforce education counselor; and Paul Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative. Homecoming is scheduled Saturday, October 12. For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth at 601-635-6327 or email sholling@eccc.edu. A list of Homecoming activities is available on the college's Web site, www.eccc.edu.



New Faces Join ECCC Faculty, Staff

Several new faces have joined the East Central Community College faculty and staff for the 2013-14 term. They include Dr. Rasheed Adebisi, physics instructor; Todd Bates, assistant football coach; Eddie Bowles, heating/air conditioning technology instructor; Amy Denson, chemistry instructor; Dan Derrington, biology instructor; Chas Evans, Collegians director/guitar instructor; Eric Gray, assistant football coach; Charles Jones, assistant football coach; Nancy Jones, residential carpentry instructor; Matthew Riley, Personal Development Specialist/Site Coordinator; Kiarra Ruffin, assistant women's basketball coach; Deanna Bankston Rush, Director of Admissions and Records; Tina Sanders, Centralette coordinator; Ronald Sims, assistant baseball coach; Laura Sullivan, computer network support technology instructor; Robert Thompson, head men's basketball coach; Lucretia Williams, Director of Workforce Development; and Cody Wilson, assistant football coach.

Dr. Adebisi earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering physics from Obafemi Awolowo University, located in Ile-Ife,



Rasheed Adebisi

Nigeria, in 2000. He entered the doctoral program at the University of Mississippi in 2006 and earned a Ph.D. in Physics from Ole Miss in 2011.

While a graduate student at Ole Miss, Dr. Adebisi conducted research at the National Center for Physical Acoustics and served as a teaching assistant for six semesters, teaching and grading laboratory exercises for general introductory physics. He also taught calculus and physics for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Ole

Miss. After earning his terminal degree, he worked for Soair, LLC, as a research scientist.

Bates will coach defensive line-men and serve as strength and conditioning coach. He most recently served as defensive line coach at Idaho State University, where his duties included serving as team chaplain, NFL Liaison and recruiter for the states of Alabama, Texas and Mississippi.

Bates, a native of Heflin, Ala., is a 2005 graduate of the University of Alabama, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce/Business Administration and was a defensive lineman on the football team.

Bowles served the past year as a product analyst at Fairbanks Scales in Meridian. He has also worked as a civil engineer for H&T Consultants, Inc., in Jacksonville, Fla.

A 2004 graduate of Meridian High School, Bowles continued his education at Meridian Community College, where he earned an Industrial Maintenance Certificate in 2005 and received as Associate Degree in Drafting and Design in 2007. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2011 at Mississippi State University.

Denson served the previous year as a science instructor at Petal High School. She served the past four years as an adjunct science instructor



Todd Bates



Eddie Bowles

at the Hattiesburg campus of Pearl River Community College. In addition, she taught general chemistry laboratory courses for the University of Southern Mississippi while working on her doctoral degree in chemistry.

A graduate of Petal High School, Denson earned an associate of arts degree from Jones County Junior College in 1998. She continued her education at the University of Southern Mississippi, earning a bachelor of science degree with highest honors in chemistry in 2011. She received a master of science degree in agricultural life sciences from Mississippi State University in 2005. In addition, she has earned more than 70 graduate hours in chemistry from USM and only needs to complete her dissertation to fulfill requirements for a Ph.D.

Derrington previously served as student worker in the Office of Graduate Studies and served as an ACT tutor for the Office of Continuing Outreach Services, while a graduate student at Mississippi College.

A 2006 graduate of Meridian High School, Derrington received a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Mississippi State University in 2011. He earned a master's degree in biomedical sciences from Mississippi College in 2013.

Evans mostly recently served as guitar instructor for Selah

Music Instruction in Flowood from April 2012 to May 2013. He began his teaching career as a guitar instructor at Mississippi

Music stores in Meridian and Hattiesburg, serving from Sept. 1998 to August 2003. During this time, he also taught guitar classes at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit, from August 2002 to May 2003. He served as guitar and music theory instructor at Holmes Community College in Goodman, from January 2003 to December 2006.

Evans received an Associate of Arts degree from ECCC in 1999. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, earning a Bachelor of Guitar Performance in 2001 and a Master of Music Performance degree in 2003. He served as a graduate teaching fellow at USM from August 2001 to May 2003, and during this time served as conductor of the USM Guitar Orchestra. While a student at USM, Evans studied under acclaimed guitar instructor Giovanni De Chiaro.

Gray, a former University of Alabama football standout, will serve as cornerbacks coach and assistant strength coach.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Gray coached running backs and defensive backs at several football skills camps. He



Chas Evans



Amy Denson



Dan Derrington



Eric Gray

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also coached running backs, defensive backs and special teams for the Birmingham Wildfire professional team in 2008 and 2009.

Gray received a bachelor's degree in Sports Fitness and Management from the University of Alabama in December 2007. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Healthcare Administration at Walden University in Baltimore, MD.

He is also a certified ASFA trainer.

Charles

Jones begins his first season coaching safeties for the Warriors.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Jones

served as defensive coordinator/strength and conditioning coach at Bessemer City High School in Bessemer, Ala., a position held since June 2011.

He received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Alabama in August 2005.

Nancy Jones was previously employed by Yates Construction and/or Yates Engineering in Philadelphia since February 1999,

where she served as a submittal coordinator, drafts person and in the area of quality control.

A 1994 graduate of Lake High School, Jones received a two-year certificate from ECCC in 1995 in Advanced Carpentry and Cabinetmaking. She earned an applied science degree in Drafting and Design Technology - Architectural Drafting at ECCC in 1997.

Riley previously served the College as Community Based Job Training (CBJT) Grant Coordinator, a position held since 2010.

In his new position, Riley is assigned to coordinate day-to-day activities of the ECCC Career

Advancement Center (CAC) in Carthage. He also owns Riley Consulting Group of Walnut Grove.

Riley is a 1991 graduate of South Leake High School and a 1993 graduate of ECCC. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Mississippi Valley State University in 1995. He is currently enrolled in the Masters of Educational Technology program at Liberty University.

Ruffin is a former basketball standout at Alcorn State University and Southeast Lauderdale High School.

At ASU, she was named to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) All-American Team in 2011 and received All-Southwest Athletic Conference First-Team honors in 2010-11 and 2011-12. She was also selected SWAC Most Valuable Player in 2011.

Ruffin was a Dean's List Scholar at ASU, where she received a bachelor's degree in human science in child development in May 2013.

Ruffin's coaching experience includes her work at ASU Basketball Camps from 2008-2012.

Rush was previously employed by the Union Public School District and served as guidance counselor since



Matthew Riley



Charles Jones



Kiara Ruffin



Nancy Jones



Deanna Rush

2006. She was an English instructor from 2001-2006. She began her education career as an English instructor for the Clinton Public School District, serving from 2000-2001.

Rush is a 1996 honor graduate of Union High School received her associate's degree from East Central Community College in 1998. She was a Summa Cum Laude graduate at Mississippi State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education - English in May 2000. She received a Master of Science in Counselor Education from MSU in May 2005.

Sanders previously served as dance teacher at Beverly's School of Dance in Brandon and Pearl. She is also a former professional dancer, ballroom dancer and gym-nastics coach.

A Pennsylvania native, Sanders is a 2000 honors graduate of Downingtown (PA) Area High School.

Sims previously served since as either a student assistant or student manager on the Mississippi State University baseball team.

He is also a former baseball team assistant at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, where he served from August 2007 to December 2008.

Sims is a graduate of Hazlehurst High School and received an Associate of Arts degree at Copiah-Lincoln. He continued his education at MSU, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration/business information systems in 2011 and earned a master's degree in kinesiology-sports



Tina Sanders



Ronald Sims

administration in May 2013.

Sullivan, was previously employed as a Systems Operator and PC/Network Technician at Anderson Regional Medical

Center in Meridian since 2009.

A graduate of Meridian High School, Sullivan earned an associate of applied science degree from Meridian Community College in 2006; a bachelor of science degree (cum laude) in Information Technology from Columbia Southern University in Orange Beach, Ala., in 2009; and a master of science degree in Management-Information Systems Security from Colorado Technical University located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 2011. She has also earned Microsoft Certified Professional designation.

Thompson comes to East Central following a 10-year career as head coach at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. His best

season was in 2005-06 season when the Badgers went 23-7 and finished second in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference and made a Sweet 16 appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. Thompson was named Conference Coach of the Year in recognition of the successful campaign.

Thompson was a standout basketball player at Shannon High School. He received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Belhaven College in 1992 and completed a master's degree in physical education from Jackson State University in 1997.

Williams of Lena was recent-



Laura Sullivan



Robert Thompson

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Thames Selected MSBDC 'State Star'

Virgie Thames of Decatur was honored for her exemplary work as administrative assistant for the Mississippi Small Business Development Center at East Central Community College.

Thames is the 2013 recipient of the MSBDC State Star Award and received special recognition at America's Small Business Development Center's 33rd Annual Conference held Sept. 9-12 in Orlando, Fla.

State SBDC "Stars" are presented to "exemplary performers who make significant contributions to their state or regional SBDC program and shows a strong commitment to small business," according to criteria established for the prestigious award. Only one award winner is selected for each state or region.

Thames said she is "very appreciative" to receive the honor.

"I am very grateful for the award and express appreciation to the Mississippi Small Business Development Center for selecting me for the prestigious honor," said Thames. "This award could not have been possible without the inspiration I have received from my family and colleagues, for whom I have deep respect and from whom I have derived



Virgie Thames

the strength to challenge myself and perform better."

Thames added, "I have faced several challenges on my way here, but each has only strengthened me to make me the person I am today: a thorough professional who knows exactly what she wants; someone who sets her eyes on a goal and does not take them off it unless it is achieved."

Ronald B. Westbrook, director of the ECCC Small Business Development Center, said Thames "goes beyond the call of duty" in providing assistance to small business clients since joining the SBDC staff in 1995.

"Virgie understands the importance of small business owners to their respective communities and what these businesses do for their areas," said Westbrook. "She is most deserving of the 'State Star' recognition and we are very proud of her."

Thames attended Decatur High School and earned an associate's degree from ECCC in December 2003. She is also a 1991 graduate of Moore Business College, previously located in Meridian.

Thames is married to Kerby Thames and is the daughter of Mary L. Buckley, also of Decatur.

She is a member of Murray Chapel Church of God in Christ located in Decatur.

JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

You can join or renew your membership online! Visit <http://www.eccc.edu/join-the-alumni-association.html> or go to the Alumni page at [eccc.edu](http://www.eccc.edu). You can also scan the qr code at right with your smartphone.



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ly selected Director of Workforce Development. She previously served the College as Personal Development Specialist, a position held since 2006. She began her employment at EC in 2005 as



Lucretia Williams

WIN Job Center Education and Training Coordinator. In all, Williams has 19 years of service with area businesses and industries.

A graduate of South Leake High School, Williams received a Bachelor of Science in 1993 and a Master of Science in Workforce Education in 2007, both from Mississippi State University in Starkville. She is currently enrolled in the Community College Leadership Doctoral program at Mississippi State.

Wilson serves as tight ends

and running backs coach for the Warrior football team. Prior to joining the Warrior staff, Wilson was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Louisiana College in Pineville, La., where he



Cody Wilson

held various positions since 2011, including assistant offensive line coach/strength and conditioning assistant; tight ends coach; and most recently assistant defensive backs coach.

He graduated with a double major from Louisiana College in 2012, earning degrees in mathematics education and applied mathematics with concentration in economics and finance. Wilson, a native of Kentwood, La., graduated valedictorian from Jewel Sumner High School in 2007.

EC Again Recognized as 'Military Friendly' School

For the second consecutive year, East Central Community College in Decatur is recognized as a Military Friendly School.

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, named ECCC to the coveted Military Friends Schools list for 2014. The prestigious award honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools shows East Central Community College's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Vice President at Victory Media and a nine-year Navy veteran. "The need for education is growing and our mission is to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said he is "extremely proud" the college has again earned recognition as a Military Friendly School.

"East Central Community College has a strong commitment to our country's men and women in the military and will continue to provide high-quality programs and services to assist them in meeting their educational goals," said Dr. Stewart.

Dr. Stewart praised Jessica Gibson and Deanna Rush in the Office of Admissions and Records, and Dr. Randall Lee in Student Services for their leadership in applying for and securing the prestigious award.



East Central Community College is once again designated as a Military Friendly School for its commitment to providing educational services to military students. ECCC received the prestigious award from Victory Media, which honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. Jessica Gibson (center), Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs and Enrollment Services in the ECCC Office of Admissions and Records, is shown displaying a plaque signifying the honor. Also pictured are ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Deanna Rush, Director of Admissions and Records.

The Military Friendly Schools media and website, found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,868 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services to those who served.

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide approved for VA tuition funding. The survey results that comprise the 2014 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academy Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

A full story and list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools will be highlighted in the annual Guide to Military Friendly Schools, distributed in print and digital format to hundreds to active and former military personnel in early October.

Victory Media is a service-based, veteran-owned small business that has been serving the military community since 2001. The company's data-driven Military Friendly lists are published in G.I. Jobs, Military Spouse, Vetpreneur media channels, republished in periodicals like USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Bloomberg BW and are frequently cited on national TV by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Fox News and others.

For more information regarding services provided military veterans at ECCC, contact Jessica Gibson in the Office of Admissions and Records, at 601-635-6392 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 392. The email address is jgibson@eccc.edu.

Help Preserve Our Athletic History...

The ECCC Foundation is relying on you to help the college honor and preserve the legacy of the student-athlete at East Central for the education and enjoyment of future generations and to prepare for the future Athletic Museum that will be housed in the Founders Gymnasium.

The Foundation is collecting athletic memorabilia including jackets, jerseys, photographs, programs, and other items that are significant to the history of East Central athletics.

If you are interested in donating athletic memorabilia, please contact the ECCC Foundation at 601-635-6327 or e-mail to sholling@eccc.edu.

Coach Tony Dungy to Speak at ECCC

Former National Football League head football coach Tony Dungy will be the guest speaker at an East Central Community College-sponsored program scheduled March 28, 2014, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Coach Dungy, who will visit the EC campus in Decatur prior to the event, will participate in a fundraising effort for the Warrior football program, led by first-year head coach Ken Karcher, a long-time friend and associate.

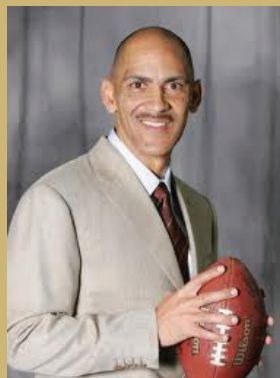
Coach Dungy, who retired from coaching in 2008 after a successful career which included a 2007 Super Bowl victory with the Indianapolis Colts, now serves as an analyst for NBC's Football Night in America.

He is also the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Quiet Strength* and *Uncommon*.

In addition, Coach Dungy is involved in a wide variety of charitable organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Athletes in Action, Mentors for Life, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Prison Crusade Ministry, All-Pro Dads and many others.

"The College is extremely fortunate to have someone of Coach Dungy's reputation and stature to visit our campus and community," said ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart. "I can say that our football program, our college and our community will be blessed by the presence of Tony Dungy this spring."

More information about Coach Tony Dungy's visit to East Central Community College will be announced at a later date.



Tony Dungy

Reserve Your Copy of 'The East Central I Knew' by Ovid Vickers

Ovid Vickers spent more than four decades as an instructor at East Central Community College and has recently authored a book about his time on the Decatur campus.

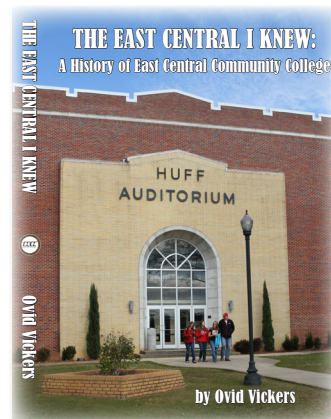
Published by East Central Community College, the book can be purchased for \$24.95 with proceeds benefiting the ECCC Foundation.

The East Central I Knew: A History of East Central Community College, can be purchased in the ECCC Foundation Office or by using your credit or debit card to order by phone at 601-635-6327.

Book Price: \$24.95 each
Shipping: \$5.00 per book

Tax: 7%

For more information, please contact the Foundation Office at 601-635-6327 or e-mail sholling@eccc.edu.



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McMullan Joins Board of Trustees

Ken McMullan (center) of Louisville was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. McMullan, shown with ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart (left) and Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, joins the Board following his selection as Superintendent of the Louisville Municipal Separate School District. McMullan is a former principal at Louisville High School and Nanih Waiya Attendance Center. He has held other positions at Nanih Waiya, including athletic director, head football coach, assistant principal and teacher. McMullan is a graduate of Decatur High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education, a master's degree in sports administration and an Educational Specialist in educational leadership. He is married to the former Leigh Warner of Louisville and they have two children, Kenley and Trey.



2013 Scholarship Recipients/Donors

(The following pages contain photos of 2013 ECCC Endowed and Annual Scholarship Recipients/Donors)



AT&T Scholarship

Recipient: Delton Harrison (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Tim Neal



Bank of Morton Scholarship

Recipient: Kara Yates (left), Morton
Donor representative: Jackie Long



Bank Plus Scholarship

Recipient: Emily Bounds (left), Newton County Academy
Donor representative: Shonda Campbell



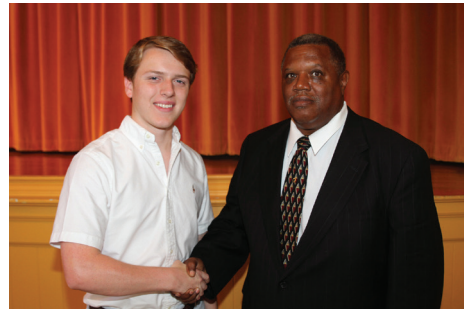
Beemon Scholarship

Recipient: Danielle Gregory (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC Counselor



Pleas Clayton and Nancy Breazeale Blount Scholarship

Recipient: Sam Davis (left), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Lois Cooper



Board of Trustees Scholarship

Recipient: Alexander Bucklew (left), Winston Academy
Donor representative: Board vice chairman Jerry Smith



Austin Boggan Scholarship

Recipient: James Cornelison (left), Morton
Donor representatives: Iris Boggan (center) and Ada Boggan McGrevey



Iris Boggan Scholarship

Recipient: Hailey Smith (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: Iris Boggan (center) and Ada Boggan McGrevey



Ernest Harrison Boswell Scholarship

Recipient: Byron Hathorn (left), Louisville
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship

Recipient: Anna Girling (left), Leake Central
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Denver Brackeen Scholarship

Recipient: Katie Brackeen (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC Counselor



Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Recipient: Bryant Williams (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Ann Burkes

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Landon Bryan Burt Memorial

Recipient: Jesse Vaughn (center), Newton County
Donor representatives: Bryan (left) and Mary Burt



Cager Scholarship

Recipient: Victoria Malone (center), Union
Donor representatives: Levelle (left) and Inez (right)
Cager



Carr Scholarship

Recipient: Lauren Peterson (left), Forest
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC
recruiter



The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship

Recipient: Lacye Harrison (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Ken Jones



Class of 1964 Scholarship

Recipient: Savannah Glover (center), Newton County
Academy
Donor representatives: (from left) John Boutwell,
Jerald Everett, Dr. Harold Aycock and Bill Lea



Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959 Scholarship

Recipient: Katie Bradley (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Nancy Haggard



W.R. Covington Scholarship

Recipient: Haley Pierce (left), Noxapater
Donor representatives: Wendy Smith



Cox and Associates Insurance Scholarship

Recipient: Emily Cook (left), Leake Central; and Kaitlyn Blanton (right), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Aubry Cox (center)



Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing

Recipient: Chesly Ezell (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship

Recipient: Jonathon Hodge (left), Lake
Donor representative: Ovid Vickers



Aaron R. Davis Memorial

Recipient: Hannah McCurdy (left), Morton
Donor representative: Patti Davis



Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: Shelby Horn (left), Newton County
Donor representatives: Bridgette Callahan (with son
Aiden Callahan) and Stephanie McMullan

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EC Scholars Alumni Association Scholarship

Recipient: Alec Doggett (left), Leake Central
Donor Representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



EC Scholars James and Luvie Thomas Scholarship

Recipient: Brittany Taylor, Lake



Eubanks-KALJYC Peers Scholarship

Recipient: Allie Killens, Saltillo
Donor representatives: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Robert Fick Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Chandler Smith (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Gilmore Scholarship

Recipient: Trystan Parker (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Goodson Scholarship

Recipient: Thomas McCool (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Hannah Scholarship

Recipient: Keifer Wolfe (left), Lake
Donor representatives: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Dr. Shelby L. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Jacob Oliver (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Helen Gibbs



Dan Harrison Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Stafford Griffin (left), Leake Central
Donor representatives: Herman Stegall



Harrison Memorial Scholarships

Recipients: Lacye Harrison (left), Delton Harrison (center)
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Hogue-Brantley Scholarship

Recipients: Traci Lewis (left), Scott Central
Donor representatives: Larry Hogue



Hudspeth Scholarship

Recipient: Clayborne Holdiness (left), Nanih Waiya
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor

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Martha Kate Tullos Hummel Memorial Scholarship
 Recipient: Chandler Smith (center), Newton County
 Donor representatives: Don and Terraseta Hummel



Kelley Elizabeth Humphreys Nursing Scholarship
 Recipient: Alisha Jones (left), Carthage
 Donor representative: Ray Humphreys



S. Lebrun Hutchison
 Recipient: Matthew Evans, Forest
 Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Myrtle Hutchison Scholarship
 Recipient: Tiffany Dorman (left), Neshoba Central
 Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Johnson Family Engineering Scholarship
 Recipient: Bryant Williams (left), Newton County
 Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Johnson-Taylor Memorial Scholarship
 Recipient: Casey Cherry (center), Union
 Donor representatives: Rev. Bruce and Susan Taylor



Johnson-Thomas Scholarship
 Recipients: Dustie Chisolm (left), Sylva-Bay Academy
 Donor representative: Dr. Harold Aycock



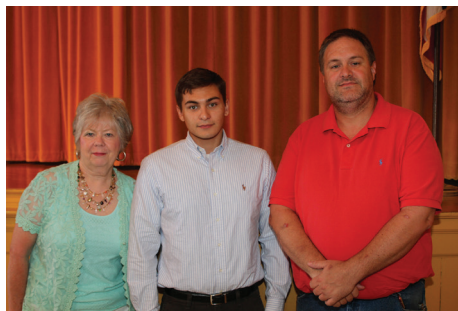
Andrew Wilson Lathem Memorial Scholarship
 Recipient: Jonathan Brown (left), Leake Central
 Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



La-Z-Boy Scholarship
 Recipient: Tyler Spence (center), Newton County
 Donor representatives: Julie Rowzee (left) and Tom Keith



Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship
 Recipient: Trevor Ayllon (center), Newton County
 Donor representatives: Judy Leatherwood (left) and Frank E. Leatherwood II



William Wade Long Scholarship
 Recipient: Julian Fuentes (center), Newton County
 Donor representatives: Gail Long (left) and Rusty Long



Lowe Scholarship
 Recipient: Angela Reeves (left), Decatur
 Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor

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Mayes Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Shelby McKelvaine (center), Enterprise
Donor representatives: Sid (left) and Jackie Etie



Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Jennifer Grove (center) of Forest
Donor representatives: Teresa Shannon



MS Land Bank Scholarship

Recipient: Zachary Allen (left), Winston Academy
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Robert Moody, Jr. Scholarship

Recipient: Morgan Luke (third from left), Newton County
Donor representatives: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Moody and their son Robert, Jr.



MS Automotive Manufacturers' Scholarships

Recipient: Wesley Hines (left), Lake
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Leake

Recipients: Kristen Evans (from left) of Leake Academy, and Emily Cook and Raney Morgan, both of Leake Central
Donor representative: Joe Andy Helton



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Neshoba

Recipients: (from left) Caleb McCown, Hannah Pilgrim and Hunter Coley, all of Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Newton

Recipients: (from left) Nicole Cater and Tabitha LaBue, both of Newton County
Donor representative: Joe Alexander and his wife Laurie



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Scott

Recipients: Kimberly Harrison (left), Forest; and Bailey Easterling (center) Scott Central
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Winston

Recipients: Cara Jackson (left), Nanih Waiya
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Ben Myers Memorial Scholarships

Recipients: Elizabeth Curran (left), Philadelphia
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Rev. John Lambert Neill Scholarship

Recipient: Kennedy Castleberry (left), Clarkdale
Donor representative: Dr. Harold Aycock

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Newton Rotary Club Scholarships

Recipients: John Reiss (left), Newton County Academy; and Abbey Rigdon, (center), Union
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Pace Scholarship

Recipient: Dylan Mayes (center), Lake
Donor representatives: Gerald and Reba DeBari



Charles P. and Bonnie S. Philips Scholarship

Recipient: Darrin Rolison (center), Newton County
Donor representatives: Charles and Glenda Malone



Ken Pouncey Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Connor Bell, Leake Central
Donor representative: Alice Pouncey



Roscoe C. Pugh Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Paige Wall (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Jenna Lovorn (right), Winston Academy
Donor representatives: Nona and Joe Renaud



Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Kimberly Harrison (left), Forest
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Sam Rush Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Dakota Wright (left) and Kristy Bradley (center), both of Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Elva Smith Sigrest Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Matthew Evans (left), Forest
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Slagle Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: Aaren Avera (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Carole Pace Henry



Willis W. 'Bubba' Smith Scholarship

Recipient: Houston Martin (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship

Recipient: Justin Moore (left), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor

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Jacob Stovall Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Myeisha Jones (left), Philadelphia
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Taylor Advanced Welding & Machining Scholarships

Recipients: Harley Dennis (second from left) of Neshoba Central; and Hank Bell (fourth from left), Nanih Waiya (Welding); and John Lipsey (third from left), Nanih Waiya (Machining)
Donor representatives: Chuck Donald (left) and Rod Shealy



Larry B. Therrell Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Hannah Peoples (left), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Paula Therrell



Thornton-Emerson Electric Scholarship

Recipient: Katy Ezelle (center), Newton County
Donor representatives: Kinoh and Ella Mae Thornton



Thomas W. Thrash Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Aderian Partain (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Jeannette Thrash



U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship

Recipient: Bethany Jones (left), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



James M. Vance Scholarship

Recipients: Hanna Williams (center), Sebastopol
Donor representatives: Patsy Vance (left) and Jeff Vance



Vowell Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: Ephraim Ringo (left), Forest
Donor representatives: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



Warrior Golf Classic Scholarship

Recipients: Kristine Jenkins (left), Forest
Donor representative: Lois Cooper



Weems Family Scholarship

Recipient: Rachel Laird (left), Meridian
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC counselor



Harvey and Martha Wheeler Pre-Pharmacy/Pre-Med Scholarship

Recipient: Jordan Walker (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter



J.C. White Scholarship

Recipient: Lauren Cantey (left), West Lauderdale
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC recruiter

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Williamson-Chisolm Scholarship

Recipient: Sherry Nash (left), Leake Central
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC
recruiter



General William Patrick Wilson Scholarship

Recipient: Felica Robinson (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans, ECCC
recruiter



Lucille Wood Scholarship

Recipient: Rayanne Craven (left), Newton County
Academy
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna, ECCC coun-
selor

A Message from the Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations



One of the goals of the ECCC Foundation and Alumni Association is to enhance alumni activities and events to engage alumni and friends of the college, and one of those activities is Homecoming. We invite everyone back to campus on Saturday, October 12 to help us celebrate the college and our alumni. A full day of events has been scheduled including honoring our Alumnus of the Year, Max Huey; Alumna of the Year, Carolyn Cook Huey; and induction of two new Athletic Hall of Fame members, Pete Lucovich, Jr. and Marcus Thames, at the Alumni Luncheon. A complete schedule of events is included on page 2.

Other campus events include a presentation on Wednesday, November 20 by retired football coach and motivation speaker, Herman Boone. Coach Boone will be on campus to speak to faculty, staff, students, and the community on respect, teamwork, community involvement, and the importance of character. The event is free of charge and is being sponsored by the ECCC Foundation through proceeds from the Oliphant-Martin Faculty Excellence Fund.

On Friday, March 28, 2014, former National Football League head football coach Tony Dungy will be on campus and at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia to speak and help with fundraising efforts for Warrior Football. It is anticipated that individual tickets for this event will go on sell on or around November 1, 2013. Contact the ECCC Foundation office for more information.

Also in the spring of 2014, the college will be hosting the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit "The Way We Worked." The exhibit will be in the Gordon Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria from February 22nd to March 28th. During this time, the college will also be providing supplemental exhibitions/presentations on campus to compliment the Smithsonian exhibit and will address three areas central to the college's mission - Academics, Community, and Workforce Development.

Campus activities and alumni events are important in the development of learning experiences for EC students and the alumni community in order to enhance the quality of life for those involved. Your Foundation and Alumni Association continues to work to keep you connected to EC. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.



**Dr. Stacey
Hollingsworth**

Stacey Hollingsworth, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Foundation and Alumni Relations

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Please Help Find Addresses for Alumni and Friends of ECCC!

The Alumni Association is looking for current mailing addresses on the alumni listed below. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail us at sholling@eccc.edu or call toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327.

Thank you for your help!

Alabama

James Norris Champion '91 - Montgomery
William Mayes '96 - Birmingham
Vonzell Jackson '09 - Aliceville
Dr. Gathel Runnels '47 - Helena

California

Cynthia Wheaton '00 - Pasadena

Florida

Randolph Richmond '52 - Pensacola
Wanda Richmond '52 - Pensacola

Georgia

Letizica Bobbitt '94 - Covington
Jackie D. White '59 - Blairsville

Kansas

Vonda Bowen - Satanta

Louisiana

Judy B. Bush '68 - Alexandria
Kristy Hardee '96 - Lafayette
Amy Joe Young '93 - Broussard

Mississippi

Tabatha Adcock '11 - Philadelphia
Carole Alexander '08 - Hattiesburg
Heather Bailey '98 - Philadelphia
Chasity Barrier - Philadelphia
Carlos Battle '08 - Raleigh
Miranda Bender '13 - Lawrence
Walvisa Bester '02 - Philadelphia
Sharon Boyette - Philadelphia
Yentl Brantley '08 - Lake
Benjamin Brashier '99 - Lawrence

John Bullard '40 - Decatur
Crystal Chamblee '02 - Carthage
Sewanna Chaney '93 - Meridian
William Larkin Chapman '77 - Madison
Tonya Curry '11 - Clinton
Jennifer Davison '00 - Walnut Grove
Arlene Edwards '06 - Meridian
Jerome Evans '11 - Union
Tonya Fox '92 - Meridian
Michelle Galloway '09 - Natchez
Lance Garner '11 - Philadelphia
Charles Godwin '71 - Newton
Lamonica Harris '95 - Lawrence
Daphanie Hatcher '05 - Meridian
Daniel Herring '05 - Morton
Gloria Hollingsworth '47 - Lake
Gloria Jackson - Lake
Keith Jacoby '05 - Meridian
Peggy Jenkins '96 - Carthage
Jeremy Jones '02 - Chunky
Rebecca Jones '05 - Carthage
Kevin Langley '03 - Philadelphia
Michaela Lee '09 & '12 - Decatur
Sharika Love '07 - Louisville
Fleix Loving '99 - Louisville
Amanda Majors - Louisville
Donnie Malone '93 - Carthage
Jason Massey '04 - Meridian
Mary McCormick '11 - Pearl
Jenne McElhenney '02 - Lake
Becky Monk - Lake
Sherry Monk - Walnut Grove
Christopher Moody '04 - Louisville
Alicia Moore '97 - Carthage
James Moore '09 - Forest
Sheila Morgan '96 - Oxford
Elaine Moss '63 - Decatur
Deedra Munn '04 - Philadelphia
Sherri Olmedo '06 - Carthage
Billy Patrick '79 - Decatur

Kimberlea Peckham '97 - Pearl
Otha Phillips '64 - Vicksburg
Jerry Porter - Florence
Tanika Robinson '09 - Forest
Bill Sansing '63 - Petal
Benoline Simon '48 - Madison
David Simmons '62 - Magnolia
James Smith '79 - Union
Celeste Staton '99 - Union
Bryant Steele '03 - Jackson
Dr. Loutrelle Stribling '39 - Pearl
Donna Tubby '98 - Carthage
Rose Waite '63 - Tupelo
Andrea Walker '03 - Carthage
Quadarius Wallace '10 - Union
Trishahn Ward '88 - Philadelphia
Dr. Leigh White - Meridian
Kittie Wilson '01 - Walnut Grove
Keevin Windham '09 - Walnut Grove
Ricco Wraggs '00 - Jackson
Joshua Young '01 - Carthage

Nevada

James Saxton '56 - Las Vegas

New York

Daniel Freeman '67 - New York

North Carolina

Robert White '05 - Kernersville

Ohio

Mahonda Sherrod '96 - Cleveland

Tennessee

Donnell McDowell '13 - Memphis
Kenya Merrell '93 - Memphis

Texas

Larry Cochran - Horseshoe Bay
Victoria Daniels '03 - Cedar Park
Marvin Weaver '69 - Austin

Virginia

Jayeson McDonald '00 - Chantilly

Win an iPad!

The Alumni Association would like to keep in touch with you via e-mail. Return your contribution to the Alumni Association with a valid e-mail address, and you will automatically be entered in a drawing for an iPad! All e-mail addresses collected from July 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013 will be eligible to enter the drawing (one entry per Alumni Association member). The drawing will be held in December 2013, and the winner will be notified via e-mail.

Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July to June). Annual dues are \$10 single and \$15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, \$100 single lifetime or \$150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

ECCC Yearbooks Available Online

Don't forget the Wo-He-Lo annu-als from 1937 to 2012 are now available online. To view the collection, simply visit <http://archive.org/details/eastcentralcommunitycollege> or visit the East Central Community College Library link at <http://www.eccc.edu/library.html> then click on the Wo-He-Lo Digital Archive link.

Hutcheson Among EC's Most 'Mature' Alumni

Macular degeneration may be robbing East Central Community College alumna Sara Hester Hutcheson (Class of 1935) of her eyesight, but not of her memories or her will to live life to the fullest.

At 97 years young, Hutcheson, a native of Philadelphia, can no longer drive because of the disease, but she stays active listening to books on tape, attending exercise classes at her church and traveling when she can.

"I have a companion (Ronna) who helps me five days a week. She takes me places and helps me with food and things around the house. I can't use the stove anymore," Hutcheson said. "I go to the church (First United Methodist) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for exercise classes and she takes me to the fitness center to ride the bicycle there."

An avid bridge player before her eyesight started declining, she said she now spends lots of time listening to books.

"I always played bridge. That's the connection I had with most of my friends. We played bridge together. Now I mostly listen to books on tape. I have a subscription with a company and they send me new books all the time. I've read just about everything they have! Biographies are my favorite. I also listen to books about sports."

Something else Hutcheson enjoys... talking and visiting with guests! Members of the College staff recently sat down with



East Central Community College alumna Sara Hutcheson (right) of Philadelphia, a member of the Class of 1937, recently returned to the Decatur campus where she visited with College President Dr. Billy Stewart. She is a retired school teacher and lived in Selma, Ala., for 50 years before returning home to Mississippi.

Hutcheson in her home to talk about her days as an EC student.

"It was a tremendous honor to be able to visit with Mrs. Sara and to hear her memories of the college in the mid-1930s," said Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations. "I enjoyed learning how the college has progressed over the years and all the changes that have occurred. Alumni have special stories to share about their classmates, roommates, coaches, and instructors, and I am grateful we are able to document their stories."

Dr. L.O. Todd was President of the College when Hutcheson attended and Mrs. J.L. Jackson, for which Jackson Hall is named, was the girls' dormitory supervisor.

"Dr. Todd had also been my principal at Philadelphia High School," Hutcheson said. "There was only one girls' dormitory and Mrs. Jackson was the housemother. Once a month we'd all gather in the living room and she would give us lectures on how to behave. She would always say 'Holding hands, girls, is the first step to destruction.' But on Sunday nights we held hands with our boyfriends on the way to church!"

Hutcheson also shared about campus activities, first loves and favorite teachers.

"There were no cars on campus. We went to basketball and football games on campus. My boyfriend was the quarterback on the football team. We dated for only a year, although he contacted

me about four years later. He was in the U.S. Army and was back in Mississippi for a time. He said he still loved me, but by that time, I had already been married for a year!

"Mrs. (Stella) Newsome taught English literature. She was an expert on that subject and we all signed up for her class. She was so enthusiastic about what she taught!"

Today's students would probably not believe the regulations in place years ago. Hutcheson and her friends could only go to town two times a week and must be wearing a hat. They had to return to campus by 6 p.m.

"We could walk to the gym and to church. When we would return in the evenings, there would be 10 couples on the front porch 'courting,'" she said. At that time, Jackson Hall had a large porch

across the front.

After East Central, Hutcheson attended Mississippi Southern College (now the University of Southern Mississippi) and spent one summer at the University of Alabama, where she met her husband, Pete.

After teaching school at Carthage for two years, Sara and Pete married and moved to Alabama. During the World War II years, Pete worked in a test lab in Birmingham and other locations throughout the state. She said she usually found work wherever they were living, including 12 years teaching on the Craig Field Air Base in Selma, Ala.

Their only child, Jack, was born in 1948 and Sara was a stay-at-home mother until he learned to drive.

"I was a chauffeur, housewife and laundry woman," she joked.

In addition to his work in the army, her husband Pete was a contractor in the concrete business for many years. They had been married for 46 years when he died at the age of 71.

After having lived in Alabama most of their married lives, Sara returned to Mississippi nearly 20 years ago. She then relocated for a short time to Colorado and lived near her son and grandson, John. Feeling homesick, she made the move back home a permanent one eight years ago and currently lives across town from her childhood home on Holland Avenue.



Sara Hutcheson, Class of 1937

Warrior Update: John W. Ray

Senior Project Manager
Ewing and Ray Foundation Services,
Inc.

Hometown: Louisville

Current Residence: Clinton, MS

Interests: *Playing with my 7 Grandchildren, Traveling, Genealogy, and Reading*

From 1994 until 2008, when he sold the company to his two sons, John Ray was the principle of Ewing and Ray Foundation Services, Inc., and now he serves as the Senior Project Manager.

During his time with the company, John reviewed over 3,500 buildings with foundation and/or structural or drainage problems and personally designed and implemented over 1,200 projects.

John graduated from Mississippi State University in 1966 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering Technology. In addition to serving 29 honorable years as an Engineer Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, John also worked as an Emergency Plans and Liaison Officer for the State of Mississippi to the First U.S. Army securing, mobilizing and directing military resources during national disasters.

John was also the G-4 Staff Officer for the 87th Division, USAR, Hoover, AL, and was responsible for Logistics, Engineering and Facilities Procurement for attached units of the 87th Division at 7 active military posts. His team coordinated with the Corp of Engineers and managed funding

and construction of a seven million dollar Battle Simulation Center and other facilities improvements and relocations.

He has served as the Commander of the 2nd Maneuver Command, Jackson, MS, and was responsible for the annual training evaluations of over 10,000 military personnel each year, and was the Division Chief over Engineering, Artillery, Armor and Infantry Evaluation Teams for technical evaluations.

John was the General Manager for Hughes Aircraft Mississippi and Operations Manager for Teledyne Brown Engineering and as was a Manager for Engineering Departments at seven large manufacturing companies with four projects exceeding seven million dollars.

John's broad field of experience in construction, facilities modifications, equipment purchases and startups, and production expansions has allowed him to successfully plan and implement all size projects. As engineering and operations manager for several large companies, he expanded 14 facilities and implemented renovations and resource



planning to maximize profits and increase capabilities.

In addition to his degree in Industrial Engineering Technology, John took Engineering Basics courses in Military Engineering, Advanced Engineering courses, a Disaster Recovery and Emergency Plans Course, and he attended Engineering Staff Update Conferences, all offered through the U.S. Army. John has been a project manager for at least four new construction projects that exceeded seven million dollars. He has also been a project engineer for 15 years and received a great deal of hands on experience with new construction, facilities modifications, equipment purchases and startups, and production expansions.



Vickers Autographs Book on EC History

Retired East Central Community College English instructor Ovid Vickers autographs a copy of his book, "The East Central I Knew: A History of East Central Community College," during a book signing held Sunday, June 2, 2013, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center lobby on the Decatur campus. Prior to signing approximately 150 books during the special event, Vickers entertained the large crowd in attendance with his humor and remembrances of his 40-plus years as a faculty member during a presentation in the auditorium. Copies of the book are available for \$24.95 plus tax and can be purchased by contacting Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, 601.635.6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu. Net proceeds from book sales are designated for the EC Foundation.

Community Bank Team Wins Warrior Golf Classic

Community Bank took home the championship trophy but area students were the real winners following the 12th annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held June 27, 2013, at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, this year's four-person scramble netted \$11,300 for student scholarships, according to Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

"The Warrior Golf Classic provides much-needed and appreciated scholarships for EC students," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "We very much appreciate the support we have received the past 12 years and encourage others to participate in this worthwhile event."

Since the tournament's inception in 2001, more than \$40,000 in scholarships have been awarded to students residing in the College's district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. Scholarship presentations are made during the annual ECCC/AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held in June.

Community Bank carded an 18-under par 54 to claim overall and corporate division honors in the 18-hole event, held on the Azaleas course. Team members included Steve Gibson of Forest, Tim Leitaker of Carthage and Ray Riley and Gary Jolly, both of Madison.

The Sean Mowdy team (Sean Mowdy, Jody Blount, Tim Cleveland and Eric Graham, all of Union) finished Championship Flight runners-up with a 55, followed by Cox and Associates (Aubry Cox, Jimmie Bell and Jimmy Brown, all of Carthage; and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko), 56; Southern Pine Electric Power (Ken McBroom, Michael Tolbert and Jason Siegfried, all of Brandon, and Will Whittington, Carthage), 56; Trustmark National Bank (Larry Waggoner, Randy Carson, Frank Rhea and Matt Gregory, all of Carthage), 57; Glynn Griffing and Associates (Milton Walker, Brent Walker, Gage Walker and Joel Ross, all of Brandon), 58; and Prince Oil Company Team 1 (Neil Pettigrew and Wayne Hielbronner, both of Kosciusko, and Ben Peebles and Mark Fleming, both of Philadelphia), 59.

First Financial Bank Team II captured First Flight honors with a 61. Team members included Gayden Bell and Ty Johnston, both of Carthage; and Melissa Jerry and Steve Cameron, both of El Dorado, Ark.

The Chris Harris/Stifel Nicholas team (Chris Harris and Robert Thompson, both of Decatur; Rickey Chaney, Little Rock; Barry Boatner, Meridian; and Joey Smith,



Community Bank captured overall and corporation division honors in the 2013 East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held Thursday, June 27 at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart (left) is shown presenting the championship award to team members Steve Gibson of Forest, Ray Riley and Gary Jolly, both of Madison; and Tim Leitaker of Carthage, who carded an 18-under par 54 in the four-person scramble held on the Azaleas course.

Quitman) finished First Flight runners-up with a 62, followed by IN Sports, Inc. (Greg Nowell and Jim Eakes, both of Philadelphia; Wes Kight, Louisville; and Andy Woidtke, Canton), 62; Tyson Foods, Inc. in Forest (Edie McDill, Hal Patterson and Shelby Patterson, all of Forest; Steve Langford, Lena), 62; Prince Oil Company Team II (Joey Walters, Michael Graham and J.B. Ware, all of Union; Jacob Hedgepeth, Philadelphia), 62; and Industrial Training Solutions (Chris Crawford, Ridgeland; Joe Barrett and Chris Clark, both of Decatur; Roger Whitlock, Union), 63.

First Financial Bank Corporate Team I won the Second Flight with a 65. Team members included Jerry Bullard and Chris Hegi, both of El Dorado, Ark.; and Brad Ogletree and Van Ray Bowman, both of Carthage.

Valley Food Services, Inc. (Tau Iosia, Meridian; Ken Ricketts and Randy Roberts, both of Brandon; and Tony Myers, Madison) finished second with a 66, followed by Polo Custom Products, Inc. (Tanner Long, Tyler Maffit, Chris Covington and Jack Edmonson, all of Louisville), 68; La-Z-Boy South Corporate Team II (Danny Simoneau, Louin; Dustin Yeager, Little Rock; Chris Davis, Decatur; and Brian Waddell, Philadelphia), 68; Sequel Electrical Supply (Artie Foreman and Virgil Rigdon, both of Little Rock; Duane Ashmore, Collinsville; and Tim Pilgrim, Philadelphia), 70; La-Z-Boy South Corporate Team I (Don Mather and Tom Keith, both of

Decatur; Kevin Rigdon, Union; and Randy Loper, Rose Hill), 72; and Neshoba County General Hospital (Dale Joyner, Philadelphia; Johnny Crenshaw, Union; and Dr. Billy Stewart and Ronnie Westbrook, both of Decatur), 74.

Will Whittington of Carthage made the "shot of the day" by recording the second hole-in-one in tournament history and obviously claiming closest-to-the-pin honors. He aced the 135-yard #4 and was presented a Taylor Made golf bag provided by the ECCC Golf Team.

Also winning closest-to-the-pin honors were Dr. Billy Stewart of Decatur, on #13; Larry Waggoner of Carthage, on #7; and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko, on #16.

Gage Walker of Brandon won the Birdies for Charity closest to the line driving contest.

Tau Iosia of Meridian won the top door prize – a recliner donated by La-Z-Boy South, Inc., in Newton.

For more information on the ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth at ECCC, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@ecc.edu.



East Central Community College President Dr. Billy Stewart (left) of Decatur and Larry Waggoner of Carthage were among "closest-to-the-pin" winners in the 12th Annual ECCC Warrior Golf Classic. Also earning closest-to-the-pin honors were Bob Jordan of Kosciusko and Will Whittington of Carthage, who also recorded the second hole-in-one in tournament history. Gage Walker of Brandon won the Birdies for Charity Closest to the Line driving contest.



Will Whittington of Carthage made the "shot of the day" in the 12th Annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. He aced the par-three, 135-yard #4 hole while playing the Azaleas course in the four-person scramble and obviously also earned closest-to-the-pin honors. He was presented a Taylor Made Golf Bag provided by the ECCC Golf Team. Whittington was a member of the Southern Pine Electric Power Association team.



Tau losia of Meridian is all smiles after winning a La-Z-Boy South recliner, the top door prize in the 12th Annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. losia was a member of the Valley Foods Corporate Team.

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Alumni Updates

40s

Kinoth (Class of 1948) and Ella Mae (Class of 1951) Thornton celebrated their 60th anniversary on May 2. They met at ECJC in 1949 and were married in 1953.

60s

D. A. Richardson (right, Class of 1963) of Calhoun, Ga., was a Torch Relay barer on July 19, 1996 when the Olympics were held in Atlanta. A native of Louisville, Richardson taught school in Georgia for 31 years. He also coached football, wrestling, and track. He is pictured (below, right) with his brother Johnnie M. Richardson (Class of 1968). Johnnie, originally from Louisville, lives in Carthage and was the Torch Relay Standard Barer for D.A. Both were in attendance for EC Day at the Neshoba County Fair on July 29, 2013.



Danny (Class of 1967) and Merita Cherry celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on May 26, 2013.

Lois Adkins Smith (Class of 1967) recently retired from teaching biology at Southeast Lauderdale High School.

80s

Ruthie Haynes (Class of 1980) was recently selected Louisville High School's Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Alfonzo Haralson (Class of 1981) accepted a full-time assistant professor position at Jackson State University in fall 2012. He previously served as a clinical therapist and adjunct professor from 1984 to 2012. From 1990 to 2000 he served as an adjunct professor at Hinds Community College and from 2000 to 2012 was an adjunct professor at JSU.

90s

Ken McMullan (Class of 1992) was recently selected superintendent of the Louisville Municipal School District. McMullan most recently served as assistant

superintendent for five years. He has also served as a principal for three years at Louisville High School and two years at Nanih Waiya. While experienced on the academic side of the job, he is also experienced with the athletic side having served as athletic director for Nanih Waiya. McMullan student taught at Louisville Elementary School and Fair Elementary School. He gained his first teaching and coaching job at Eiland Middle School in 1995.

James Johnson (Class of 1992 & 1996) was recently reappointed as Chief of Police for the Town of Lena. He has also worked at the Leake County Sheriff's Department and has more than 21 years service in law enforcement. Johnson is also a nurse and has worked the last 18 years at Scott Regional Hospital in Morton.

Pamela Mapp-Ardd (Class of 1999) was recently promoted to Office Coordinator at Anderson South Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center in Meridian.

Mary Ann Hughes Pickens Gray (Class of 1999) will retire on August 30, 2013.

00s

Brittany White (Class of 2008) of Philadelphia received her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law in May 2013.

10s

Jordan Leigh McMichael (Class of 2010) is a summa cum laude graduate of Mississippi College in History and Business and has entered Law School at Mississippi College.

In Memoriam

Jennie Thomas Everett ('35) July 17, 2013
V. O. Collins ('36) May 17, 2013
Marion E. McCrory ('36) February 28, 2013
Marguerite Chaney White ('36) June 5, 2013
Alice Fulton Jarvis ('38) August 18, 2013
Bernice Irene Porter Dawson ('39) July 22, 2013
Estelle Burkes Wilcox ('40) November 29, 2012
Nannie Mae Harbour Herrington ('41) October 27, 2012
Joyce Rogers McLean ('41) December 24, 2012
Ruby Aline Barnett Newman ('41) January 25, 2013
Jonne Williams Mabus ('42) May 31, 2013
Mabel H. Truhitt ('42) January 2, 2013
Nell Herd Wells ('46) July 20, 2013
Maxine Estes McCool ('47) August 29, 2013
Bernice Ruth Snowden Lea ('48) September 16, 2012
Patricia Williams Perry ('48) March 24, 2013
Jessie May Stewart Everett ('49) June 16, 2013
Travis Monroe Blount ('50)
James B. Kelly ('50) April 2, 2013
Phillip R. Hutton Hardy ('51) May 12, 2013

Joe D. Massey, Sr. ('51) April 5, 2013
Henry Snider ('53) June 5, 2013
Dwight Barham ('54) February 8, 2013
Charles Earl Wilson ('54) July 29, 2012
Aaron Rives ('55) April 28, 2013
Alice Faye Gilbert Tadlock ('57) September 22, 2013
Irvin Kenneth Chaney ('58) May 19, 2013
Robert W. (Bob) Luke ('58) July 23, 2013
Richard Baker Smith ('58) April 14, 2013
Doris Boswell Crenshaw ('59) April 20, 2013
James Forrest Cagle ('60) July 15, 2013
Dr. William Larry Crowson ('63) April 22, 2013
Percy Herman Gross ('63) May 23, 2013
Ron Mitchell ('63) June 13, 2013
James Olen Baucum ('66) June 29, 2013
Danny White ('67) April 12, 2013
Hardy Tingle ('68) June 14, 2013
Joan Sharp Graham ('69) July 16, 2013
Tommy Ray McDaniel ('74) August 20, 2013
Thomas W. Carson ('75) May 06, 2013
Richard Boswell ('80) May 6, 2013
Patricia Ann Watkins Rowell ('80) January 5, 2013
Bobby Ray Jayroe ('81) January 3, 2013
Angelia Jean Barfield Jones ('83) April 12, 2013
James Henry English, Jr. ('85) December 26, 2012
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Derian Delijuan Dotson ('00) January 1, 2013
Kayla Rena Joe ('11) July 9, 2013
Kimberly Michelle Barfoot ('13) March 3, 2013
Park Stevens ('13) July 3, 2013
David ('93) and Susan Campbell, Colin Rouge, April 8, 2013

Births

Jessica Gibson ('11), Amanda Karaline, June 7, 2013

David ('03) and Jessica Burt, Parker Landon, March 25, 2013

Bubba and Candice (Cooper, '02) Cefalu, Lynnlee Drew, June 1, 2012

Weddings

Rachel Denise Boulton and Jay Canoy
Alexander Thomas
Shannon Elizabeth Brock and Joshua Lance Brown
Jessica Busby and Kyle Robinson
Kasey Crutcher and Paul Edwards
Christina Dennis and Cameron Gates
Rachel Dawn Field and Alexander Joseph Lee
Anna Grace Forster and Cody Keith Ming
Amanda Ann Fortenberry and James Merrill Cassel II
Marissa Janae Gordy and Austin Gray Buchanan
Emily Michelle Hansford and James Gabriel Skinner

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Delisa Lyn Jenkins and William Justin Strait
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Sept. 5 Declared “Randy Houser Day” in Mississippi

East Central Community College alumnus and Stoney Creek Records recording artist Randy Houser ('97) performed at the Temple Theater in Meridian on Sept. 5 at a concert celebrating Meridian's rich music heritage. The evening honored Houser's successes as well as pay tribute to country music pioneer and Meridian native Jimmie Rodgers.

In celebration of his contribution to the musical landscape, Houser was presented a key to the city and had Sept. 5 officially recognized as “Randy Houser Day” across the state of Mississippi.

Houser released his third studio album earlier this year, which includes title track and No. 1 hit “How Country Feels” as well as his current multi-week No. 1 single “Runnin’ Outta Moonlight,” both tracks achieved RIAA Gold certification.



Randy Houser performs at the Temple Theater in Meridian. (Photo by Ken Flynt)

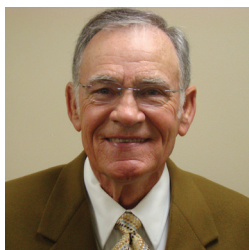
Houser will be hitting the road this fall with Justin Moore on the Off the Beaten Path Tour. Randy Houser ('97) released his third album, *How Country Feels*, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. He has been said to have “true musical horsepower” by Country Weekly and GAC asserts, “one listen to his soulful singing is enough to convince you that you’re listening to a star.” His first release on new record label Stoney Creek Records features No. 1 Billboard Heatseekers smash hit “How Country Feels.” Recently wrapping up his headlining Jagermeister Presents Tour, Houser is currently on the road performing at venues across the U.S., bringing fans over 200 dates per year. For a full list of stops, visit www.randyhouser.com.

Hudspeth Reappointed to MS Community College Board

ECCC alumnus Bubba Hudspeth ('59) of Louisville was recently reappointed by Governor Phil Bryant to a six-year term on the Mississippi Community College Board beginning July 1, 2013. He will represent the Third Congressional District. The state Senate has confirmed his appointment.

“Mr. Hudspeth has a long history of serving Mississippi’s community colleges,” said Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board. “He will continue to provide guidance to our system which will benefit the entire state.”

The Mississippi Community College Board is composed of ten members who are appointed by the Governor. The group serves as a coordinating board to Mississippi’s 15 community colleges.



Risher Co-Authors Book

East Central Community College alumna Jan Risher (attended 1982-83) has co-authored “Team Renaissance: The Art, Science and Politics of Great Teams,” published by Old Man River Publishing of Lafayette, La.

Risher, a Forest native who graduated from Magee High School and Mississippi State University, says the book is guided by the principle that successful business “are those whose employees don’t have to like each other but do respect one another and can ultimately trust each other enough to accomplish goals.”

Risher authored the book in tandem with Richard Spoon, CEO of ArchPoint Consulting and two-decade veteran of business consulting and management.

The book is generally available in the South, in hardback. A second printing, in paperback, next spring will make “Team Renaissance” available nationwide.



Triplett Celebrates 80 Years!

Friends and family gathered recently to pay tribute to ECCC alumnus Donald Triplett ('55) on his 80th birthday. A reception honoring Triplett was held at B. Gatewood Studio and Art Gallery.

Outside Scott County, Triplett is considered an historical figure in the medical community, which recognizes him as having the first reported case of autism. Triplett, who remains very active, said he feels great and appreciated the reception.

“I’m just glad I made it to 80,” Triplett said. “I really don’t feel much different than when I turned 70. The reception was a good idea. I sure thought a lot of everyone who put it together.”

His favorite daily activities include participating in the morning coffee club at City Hall, playing golf and working crossword puzzles. In addition to spending time with family and friends as well as participating as a member of Forest Presbyterian Church, Triplett loves to travel.

Since 1958, he has worked at the Bank of Forest, which his maternal grandfather founded. He started working as a teller, is currently semi-retired and now only works two days a week. He is a graduate of Forest High School, ECCC and Millsaps College.



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Diamond Warriors Celebrate State Championship!

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors celebrate winning the 2013 MACJC State Championship following a 4-0 victory over Northwest Mississippi Community College Sunday, May 12 at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, which served as host for this year's competition. EC went undefeated in the double-elimination event by posting wins over Northeast (19-1) May 9 and Pearl River (7-6) May 11. After capturing the MACJC State Championship, the Diamond Warriors won one of two matchups in the Region 23 Tournament to finish 32-21 under seventh-year head coach Neal Holli-