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## ***JCJC Alumni & Friends E-News***

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The JCJC family hopes you and your families are enjoying the HOT summer weather. We will be soon entering the “Dog Days” of summer, and it will probably be even hotter! We have completed the first session of summer school and camps and are now well into the second session. June was a month of camps for young people! Every day it seems as if our campus was teeming with some very young people involved in band, cheerleader, football, basketball, soccer, softball and Kids College. We still have some youth camps remaining, so check the web site for those events.

JCJC will be making some significant changes on campus in the coming months. We hope by fall that you will see the Campus in a “Changing Mode”.

Thank you for your many positive responses to the JCJC E-Newsletter. We continue to have a very active web site thanks to your interest in JCJC. Please continue to visit the JCJC website for activities and opportunities that you and your family may want to attend on campus. We hope you will send us the email addresses of your friends and family who might want to receive this information.

In addition to activities on campus, the E-Newsletter will highlight individuals who attended or are friends of JCJC. This will include their activities and honors. We need you to submit items that you would enjoy seeing in future editions of the E-Newsletter.

### **JCJC Events**

**Visit the JCJC Web site at [www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu) for more information on activities.**

- \* **Fall registration** is in full swing. Visit the web site for dates and times.
- \* **Summer Camps and Leadership Conference** available for students, grades seven through twelve.
- \* **The JCJC Bobcats Football schedule** is now available. Visit the Web site or contact campus for a copy.
- \* **The “New” Bobcat Club All Sports Season Ticket and Tailgating package** will be posted on the JCJC Web site by July 20, 2007.

### **Tidbits from the JCJC Family**

**This section features Student Government Association Presidents from each of the decades: 1950-2000.**

# **Charles G. Blackwell (59)** resides west of Ellisville, MS, across the Leaf River and is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association.

Charles commented recently about JCJC, “The availability of the JCJC bus made it possible for me to attend college and live at home. Ellisville Agriculture High School and Jones County Junior College made everything that I have accomplished possible. The years I spent at JCJC laid the foundation that every achievement was based upon. I will forever be indebted and grateful to this fine institution.” He was Mr. JCJC, as well as SGA President, his sophomore year and also drove a JCJC bus. Charles continued his education at the University of Mississippi and graduated from there with a law degree. He is currently a partner at Morris, Skalaris, & Blackwell law firm in Hattiesburg, MS. Charles’ sisters, Jelinda (Blackwell) DeVorzan and Rebecca (Blackwell) Krevi and his daughter Melissa Hankins attended JCJC. His son and daughter-in-law, Chuck (83) and Dianne (Craft) Blackwell (83) and their daughter, and Charles’ granddaughter, Ashley (07) also attended JCJC.

# **Clifford B. Estes, Jr. (60)** lives in Shreveport, LA and serves as Pastor of Waller Baptist Church in Bossier City, LA. He is also an adjunct professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans. Cliff is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and received his PhD from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to Becky (Hardee) Estes (65), and they have two children, Eric and Traci, and six grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild, Andrea

Salazar, will attend JCJC this fall. Becky's parents attended JCJC in the early 40's.

# **George Latimer (67)** currently lives in Maggie Valley, NC, but is the Chief Financial Officer for the Florida Virtual School in Orlando, FL and commutes to Orlando every other week. George is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi and worked in the Florida Education system his entire professional career. He retired in 2004 as the Associate Superintendent of Schools in Jacksonville, Florida. He and his wife, Charlene, have two sons, Jeff and Jeremy, and one granddaughter and a grandson on the way. George's comments concerning his time at JCJC: "The atmosphere at Jones in the 60's was very family oriented and protective, but was very conducive to building relationships that have lasted for many years. The President, Dr. J. B. Young, was a leader and a southern gentleman in every sense of the word. I would not trade my two years at JCJC for any other educational experience".

# **Ruel L. Shows (72)** currently lives in Stringer, MS. Ruel went to work in the oil fields after his graduation at JCJC and has worked in several different oil field services, primarily for Baker Oil Tools. He is currently a technical sales representative for Baker Oil Tools Fishing Services. He is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. Ruel is married to Glenda (Guthrie) Shows (73), who was the feature twirler for the JCJC "Maroon Typhoon" her two years at JCJC. She graduated from JCJC in 1973 and from JCJC/SCRM School of Radiologic Technology in 1975. Their daughter, Sally Suzanne, graduated from Radiologic Technology in 2003 and their son, Joey, graduated in Automotive Technology in 2002. Ruel says "JCJC was the best education he and his family ever received".

# **Paul "Rickey" Graham (74)** lives in the Canebrake area west of Hattiesburg, MS. He continued his education at Millsap College receiving a degree in Chemistry in 1976 and his MBA from William Carey College in 1984. He is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. Rickey has worked with Mississippi Power Company for over 30 years and is currently pipeline, gas, and oil segment manager for the Industrial Marketing Department. He is married to Roma Rose (Rahaim) Graham (76). They have two children, Dax, who attended JCJC in 06-07 and Maria, who plans to attend when she is old enough. Rickey's father, Paul R. Graham, attended JCJC in 1943 and 46, his sister, Paula, in 1978, and his wife's brother Ricky Rahaim in 1970. Rickey comments about his time at JCJC: "My education at JCJC was key in preparing me for the continued challenges at a senior college level as well as in the workforce. Jones has always proved to be an integral part of my and my family's life. It is a part of growing up! The times spent at Jones always are to be treasured and were a major part of molding me to be who I am today".

# **Jeffery Johnson (83)** lives in Ames, Iowa where he is the President/CEO/Publisher of the Iowa State University Alumni Association. He is married to the former Peggy D. Wolfe from Collins, MS, and they are the proud parents of two children Krystal and Kristopher. Jeffery and Peggy met and became sweethearts in middle school at Collins. He and Peggy are lifetime members of the JCJC Alumni Association. Jeffery continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi along with Peggy. He was a resident assistant and Southern Style Ambassador at USM and worked full time at USM after graduation. Jeff moved to the University of Kansas in 1991 to head up their alumni membership program. He has been at several other university systems in alumni, but currently oversees the 28 person, \$3.3 million dollar budget Alumni Association at Iowa State. Jeff says about his time at JCJC, "My JCJC education, out-of-class experiences and involvement prepared me well to both survive and thrive in these advanced/research-rich, national ranked institutions. I continue to marvel at Jones' many BIG accomplishments. Jones really does get you ready for life and/or the next big academic step that you want to take, and at a good price."

# **Vance Green (84)** lives in the Oak Grove area outside of Hattiesburg, MS and is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi. Vance has been employed at Forrest General Hospital in the IT area since his graduation at JCJC. He is currently the Assistant Director of Information Services at Forrest General Hospital. Vance and his wife Christy have two sons, Chase and Christian, and a daughter Caroline. Vance had two brothers who also attended JCJC. Vance says, "Going to JCJC out of high school was a tremendous head start for me. The staff, from administration to cafeteria workers, were always pleasant and genuinely concerned about the students well being".

# **Kim (Wansley) Hinton (90)** now lives in the Petal area. She continued her education at the University of Southern Mississippi and is currently working on her Masters in Elementary Education at William Carey University. Kim is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. Kim worked in the computer industry for sixteen years as a programmer analyst and as a manager and analyst. She has been teaching 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade History in the Petal Middle School for the last eighteen months. Kim is married to Todd Hinton (89), forestry major and they have three children; a daughter Anna Kaitlyn, eleven years old and two sons, Jesse, nine years old, and Carter, five years old. Kim's family attended JCJC as well; her mother attended JCJC in 1987 on her path to an RN degree, her brother Chris (89) is a successful CFO in Meridian, MS and her sister Emily (90) is an RN in Hattiesburg. Kim comments about her time at JCJC, "I still credit JCJC for my success in the business world. I value my education and skills from Jones in making my computer career so successful. I did not get that knowledge or skills from my undergraduate degree. It was an amazing experience for me not only in my course work, but in the extra-curricular activities I was involved in as well. I still proudly display my diploma in my classroom for my students to see".

# **Troy Johnston (92)** lives in Jackson, MS. He is an attorney at the law firm of Harris, Jernigan and Geno, PLLC since 2003. Troy continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi as a Polymer Science major. He went on to receive his MBA in finance from USM and worked for Baker Petrolite in chemical sales for a number of years. Troy graduated from Mississippi College School of Law. He is a lifetime

member of the JCJC Alumni Association. He is married to Erin Johnston, and they have a three month old daughter, Caroline. Troy's comments concerning his time at JCJC: "Once I decided to pursue Polymer Science at USM, the professors and administration at JCJC placed me in contact with the correct people and student organizations to make the transition easy. I was as prepared academically for the challenging curriculum in polymer as anyone who had been at Southern MS and more so with respect to my math classes at JCJC."

# **Matthew Sullivan (00)** currently lives in Mize, MS. He was Mr. JCJC, Freshmen Class President, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President and Who's Who while at JCJC. Matt continued his undergraduate education at Mississippi College and received his Juris Doctorate from The University of Mississippi. He is an attorney at Eaton & Martin, P.A. in Taylorsville, MS. Matt is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. Matt's sister, Dr. Stephanie (Sullivan) Tullos (97) was in the JCJC Hall of Fame, Phi Theta Kappa President and Homecoming maid for both her years at JCJC. His father, Stephen G. Sullivan (72) and his mother, Jane (King) Sullivan (73) were members of the JCJC Maroon Typhoon. Matt says about his time at JCJC, "The people and atmosphere are, in my mind, what makes JCJC the success that it is. There are limitless places for someone to get a college education. However, schools where one can find teachers, staff and administration that are willing to go so far out of their way to help students are incredibly hard to find. I will be forever thankful for their generosity and continuing support."

# **Leah E. Bayne (02)** currently serves as a teacher/missionary at Santiago Christian Academy in Santiago, Chile through the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism (ABWE) organization. Her home church is Liberty Baptist Church in Waynesboro, MS. She will be returning to her home in late December, 2007. Leah is a lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. She continued her education at Mississippi College in communication and public relations. Leah's comments concerning her time at JCJC: "I have an intense appreciation for Jones, regarding it as a vital element of my college experience. The family atmosphere and friendly campus was significant to me, and created an embracing, comfortable environment as a young adult living and studying away from home. Looking back, the institution helped me to be who I am today, and I am appreciative of the opportunities I have received over the past few years as a result of my time spent at Jones. These many positive experiences are because of what I learned both in and out of the classrooms at JCJC".

## # Deaths

**Nancy (Thigpen) Walters (55)** of Laurel died July 6, 2007. She was an avid reader and adventurous person, enjoying flying in hot air balloons. She won a gold medal in Albuquerque, NM in ballooning. She was very active in Laurel Little Theatre.

**Walter L. "Buddy" Upchurch** died on June 20, 2007. Buddy started the first computer programming department at JCJC in 1965. He later taught at Holmes Junior College and had a large computer consultant business. He was living in Holmes County at the time of his death.

**Phyllis Ruth Herrington (76)** died June 29, 2007. She taught in the Jones County School System at West Jones High School. She worked for Raised Dot Computers in Madison Wis. and for American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville KY. She served as consumer outreach coordinator for the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown NY.

## FYI

The JCJC Alumni Association is an organization that is actively involved in programs that promote the college and assist students. We are eager to have you be a part of the activities. Alumni newsletters and school newspapers are mailed to members to keep you up-to-date on campus events. If you have not been receiving these mail outs, please complete a new membership form so we will have your correct address (mark this form UPDATED ADDRESS). The E-Newsletter will be sent at least once a month so you will be able to keep up with campus events on a regular basis.

Visit the Alumni Association on the JCJC Website: [www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu)

**NOTE: We are looking for all: Mr./Miss JCJCs, SGA Presidents and Hall of Fame Members. Please email or contact us if you, your family member or friend received any of these honors at JCJC.**

**\*\*JCJC is looking for 1977 Junior Rose Bowl participants.** A reunion is being planned for Sept. 8, 2007 in conjunction with the home football game. If you were a member of the Bobcat football team, cheerleading squad or Maroon Typhoon marching band who participated in this event, please provide us with your mailing address and e-mail address. For more information, call Amie Herrington at 601-477-4145 ( toll-free 1-866-937-5252) or email; [amie.herrington@jcjc.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@jcjc.edu)

Homecoming 2007 - October 20, 2007 - 2:00 p.m. Honor Classes: 1957 JCAHS & 1957 JCJC

Paula Walters, Executive Director of the Jones County Junior College Foundation, announced her retirement on Tuesday June 12, 2007. Dr. Jesse Smith, President, stated, "She was able to manage some of the most complex situations and events with ease and grace. I will miss her, but understand she is retiring to take care of her family which only indicates further the quality of person she is". Tim Lawrence, President of the Foundation Board of Directors said, "Paula's record speaks for itself. During her 4 and ½ year tenure as Executive Director of the JCJC Foundation, almost \$3.3 million was raised and 2,304 scholarships totaling almost \$1.1 million were awarded to deserving students". We all wish Paula and her family the very best.

Caroline Kelly has been named the new Executive Director of the Jones County Junior College Foundation to replace Paula Walters. Since coming to work at JCJC in 2001, Caroline has been involved in foundation work. In the spring of 2007 Caroline planned her first event for the college, the Gardening Symposium, which was very successful and is now an annual event. Caroline has taught speech and English since coming to JCJC. According to Paula, "She worked all of last year as a part-time development officer and is extremely prepared to assume my role with the Foundation". We all look forward to Caroline's leadership in the Foundation.

### **New Life Members for June**

Jennifer Lee Bush (05)  
Kathryn Ann Bush (04)  
Brett D. & Lindsay (Horn) Cooley (99/99)  
Edward Watts Davis (64)  
Brian J. & Jessica (Stringer) Harless (99/98)  
Jack E. & Kathy (Holliman) Harrison (70/69)  
William G. "Billy" Lambert (65)  
Jimmy Dale Pitts (63)

### **New and Renewing Annual Members for June**

Wendy Michelle (Coats) Agrusa (93)  
Jessica Bernita "Jae" Bayless (03)  
Don Clark (63)  
Martha Dean (Cooley) Dearmon (93)  
Hugh L. Dickens (54)  
Carroll Conrad & Louise B. Flowers (58/58)  
T. Joel & Lori L. (Hill) Garrett (96/96)  
Sidney Ray Harper (54)  
Shirley Ann (Ellis) and Gregory K. Harris (79/97/77)  
Tracey Michelle (Smith) Henderson (90)  
Joshua Clayton Hickson (04)  
Mary Helon (Chisholm) Hill (65)  
Nancy N. (Bynum) Hollowell (51)  
Tiffany R. (Mcgruder) & Johnny Hoze (96)  
Peggy Joyce (Herrington) Jacobus (53)  
Frank Gordon & Grace S. James (56)  
Steven Jefcoat (81)  
Walter Ray Jordan (86)  
Gay Beth (Houston) Kelley (69)  
Shawn Marie (Morris) Kuhn (97)  
Harold Anthony Lafferty (86)  
William Joseph "Joey" & Connie (Bankston) Landrum (80/80)  
Martin Eugene "Gene" Lasley (51)  
Lois E. Lewis (Friend)  
Rex Loftin (56)  
Patricia Olivia (Bankston) Lowery (67/99)  
Jeffrey Neil Lyon (78)  
Landry Neil Lyon (06)  
Janice (Chatham) McAfee (52)  
Kerney Hall McCormick (43)  
Mauricka DeVon McKenzie (97)  
Mannix Le-Dane McLaurin (93/04)  
Leslie Vaughn & Jennifer (Smith) McNeal, III (82/84)  
Sara Jean (Johnson) Maghan (61)  
Bonnie Malone (44)  
W. Jay & Carolyn (Lightsey) Mason (55/56)

Ginny Rebecca (Parker) Mercier (03)  
John Gregory Miley (79)  
Rusty & Regina (Ruston) Milner (78/76)  
Charlotte (Freeman) & Jerome Mitchell (62)  
Susan Elizabeth (Purvis) Mitchell (69)  
Irvin Mocerri (41)  
Mary Jo (Bell) Moore (56)  
Kenneth Chapple Morgan (47)  
Lorrie Morgan (97)  
Milton Eugene & Jane L. Mosley (58)  
Edward Miles Parker (01)  
Scott & Jennifer (Powell) Parker (92/94)  
Perry Beau Phillips (80)  
Johnny M. Portis (53)  
Jason V. & Deanna (Patterson) Pugh (90/90)  
Lillian B. Putnam (75)  
Aubrey Wade (55)  
Natalie Day Williamson (05)

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