



JCJC Alumni & Friends E-News

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The JCJC family hopes you and your families are enjoying - at last - some FALL weather. I guess 50 degree nights are fall weather! We hope you have an opportunity to visit campus during this season. Our yard crews are sprucing up the campus up for Homecoming. Fall semester is in full swing now. We have 5,353 enrolled in classes (up 8%) and 863 enrolled in online classes.

Thank you for your many positive responses to the JCJC ENewsletter. 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 ENewsletter 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 ENewsletter.

JCJC Events

Visit the JCJC Web site at www.jcjc.edu for more information on activities.

* **The JCJC Bobcat Football Team** is 7-0. We were listed as 3rd in the JCC Gridwire poll-up from 5th - after the victory over Southwest Community College. JCJC is 5th in the NJCAA poll -up from 8th. The new ratings will be out on late Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We play Gulf Coast for Homecoming Saturday October 20, 2007 at 2:00P.M. Gulf Coast is 7-0 and rated 1st in the JCC Gridwire.

* **October 18, 2007 10:45 A.M., Renaming of Memorial Boulevard to Dan Jones Memorial Drive.** Location will be at marquee in front of Student Center. Dan was a long time instructor and administrator that lost his life last year in a car wreck.

* **October 20, 2007 JCJC Homecoming.** Game time at 2:00P.M.

Friday October 19, 2007.....Dinner honoring JCAHS and JCJC Classes of 1957

Saturday October 20, 2007... 9:00 A.M. Alumni and Friends Brunch, Terrell Tisdale Library Lobby
10:30 A.M. Homecoming Parade, through campus & downtown Ellisville
11:15 A.M. Alumni Association Annual Meeting, Foote Chapel
12:00 P.M. Alumni Luncheon, C. L. Neill Cafeteria
12:00 P.M. Tailgating at Tennis Complex, Bobcat Club
1:30 P.M. Pre-game Band Show, Bobcat Football Stadium
2:00 P.M. Football Game, Bobcat Football Stadium
Halftime Presentation of Homecoming Court

* **October 20, 2007 Reunion for classes 1978-81.** The JCJC classes of these years will meet at the Tailgating area for a time of visiting and fun. Contact Kara Kimbrough at kara.kimbrough@colin.edu or call her at 601.849.0277 for more information.

* **October 25, 2007 Theresa Sanchez pianist presentation.** Theresa has been selected to represent JCJC as our "Humanities Teacher of the Year". She will be honored at the Mississippi Humanities Council Awards Banquet to be held in February 2008 in Jackson.

* **October 25, 2007 Away football game,** Copiah Lincoln Community College, 7:00 P. M.

* **October 1, 2007 through October 26, 2007 Paintings by Tommie Rodgers.** Visit the Art Gallery on campus. Tommie (Bush) Rodgers (87) is displaying her latest works of art in the JCJC Eula Bass Lewis Art Gallery. Tommie says "My paintings look like watercolors of flowers, but really it's a technique called gouache and monoprinting".

* **November 14, 2007 PTK Honors Lecture Series Event -Robert St. John and Wyatt Waters.** They will discuss their latest book and afterward sign copies of their books. Guests will again get to enjoy one of St. John's signature desserts during the book signing.

- * **The JCJC Soccer Teams** have been playing their fall season. The Bobcat men's team has an 8-6 record and the Lady Bobcats have a 6-8 record. Both teams will complete fall season Wednesday October 17, 2007.
- * **The JCJC Bobcats Football and all sports schedules** are now available. Visit www.jcjc.edu or contact campus for a copy.
- * **The Bobcat Club** Tailgating events have been well attended. We have had over 400 eating with us at Tailgating.
- * **The new Bobcat Club All Sports Season Ticket and Tailgating package** is now posted on the JCJC Web. Come join us for a time to visit, eat and get to know all the Bobcat fans.---Plus---
A great football game and "Maroon Typhoon" band performance!
- * **JCJC is Partnering with Waites Wireless Sensors** (based in Hattiesburg, MS) and the Jones County Board of Supervisors to develop revolutionary methods of detecting bridge safety. "In the aftermath of the recent Minneapolis bridge collapse, bridge safety is at a heightened state of concern, and we are excited about a partnership between Waites Wireless and JCJC," stated Ronnie Clark, engineer for Jones County. This partnership involves Waites Wireless Sensors (WWS) locating in the JCJC Advanced Technology Center to oversee the research and development of this technology. Jones will serve as a liaison between the county and WWS to establish priorities and data collection methods for the duration of the partnership.

Tidbits from the JCJC Family

- # **James Benton Huff, Sr. (52) and Marilyn (Graves) Huff (53)** were recently selected to be the JCJC Honor Alumnus for 2007. They will be honored during Homecoming events. Mr. Huff was selected Homecoming King his sophomore year and Mrs. Huff was elected Miss Jones County Junior College. They both have been very active in the community and state throughout their lives. Mr. Huff served on the JCJC Board of Trustees for a number of years.
- # **Honorable Charles Pickering (57)**, retired federal judge, recently accepted the honor of having the JCJC Honors College named after him. According to Dr. Jesse Smith, President of JCJC, "the honors college is named after Charles Pickering because he embodies what it means to have integrity. He is a man of honor, academic excellence and great character".
- # **Margaret Ann (Thomas) Pickering (57)** has been selected to serve as the JCJC Foundation Board President. She is also the Alumni President. Mrs. Pickering has been a long time supporter of JCJC and all activities on campus. She was very active as a student at JCJC. Her parents worked at JCJC and lived on or near campus.
- # **Donna Carol (Bohannon) Buckley (81)** was recently promoted to clinical director of Kare-In-Home-Health Services based in Biloxi. This is a locally owned, proprietary Home Health Agency serving seven counties in South Mississippi. Donna started her nursing career at Covington County Hospital in Collins and also worked at South Central Regional Hospital in Laurel before starting her career in Home Health care. She continued at USM where she received her BS in Nursing with a minor in Science and Psychology. Donna's husband, Joe Buckley, attended JCJC in 1990 in the Drafting and Design program. Her brother, Dennis Bohannon (76) and her sister Diane (Bohannon) Smith (75) all attended JCJC. Donna says "I will always cherish the fond memories I have of my days at JCJC. My message to current students is the get involved at school and work hard to make the grades so that you can accomplish your goals."
- # **Brent and Kristi (Conrad) Ballard (81/82)**. Brent is Director of Internal Audit for the Mississippi IHL Board Office. Prior to his taking this position in February 2005, he worked with the State Auditor's Office for 21 years. Kristi taught public school for a number of years and became a full time mom when their children were born. She currently is home-schooling their youngest daughter. Brent continued his education at MSU and Kristi at USM. Their oldest daughter, Kelsey, attended JCJC her freshmen year and is now a junior at Mississippi College. Brent comments about his and Kristi's time at JCJC; "Kristi and I have talked often about how much we enjoyed our days at JCJC. We both have fond memories of being part of the "Maroon Typhoon" band. We both received a very solid base that enabled us to do very well in our continued education. Our teachers were patient and caring teachers. We have often said that we are very thankful for JCJC in that it allowed someone from a small rural school to have a transitional place in between the high school and the university community. This was very helpful in our educational process."

Lydia (Dennis) Walter (92) currently is the South Mississippi Electric Power Association's Membership Services Supervisor. She has been selected as the chairperson for the Certified Cooperative Communicators' Program Board through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The CCC distinction is earned through a rigorous portfolio judging and testing process. Lydia has served on the national CCC Program Board for three years and began serving as the chairperson on July 1, 2007. The board is made up of 12 elected individuals from throughout the country. She continued her education at USM. Lydia was Editor of the Lair, the JCJC Yearbook, while here at JCJC. Her husband Eric is an Alumni of JCJC.

Leadership Jones County, Class of 2008 has a number of JCJC Alumni participating. Dyon Ruffin, Teacher for the Friends of Children of Mississippi, Karen Walters, Clinic Manager for South Central Regional Medical Center, Ruby Jones, Site Manager for Laurel Housing Authority, Meredith Moore, Engineering Technician for Neel-Schaffer, Inc and Patrick Scoggin, Community Development Facilitator for Jones County Junior College.

Leah Laviano (08) is the new Miss Mississippi-USA. Leah won the title Saturday at the pageant in the Hattiesburg Saenger Theatre. She will represent the state in the Miss USA pageant. Leah was selected JCJC's "Most Beautiful" last spring. She is a member of the Jones OnStage performing group for JCJC. Leah is the daughter of Pam (Geddie) Nunes(78) and the granddaughter of Vern and Joan (Walters) Geddie (49) from Ellisville.

Note: Leah is the 3rd young lady associated with JCJC to win this title. Alumni Jill (Tullos) McDaniel and Caroline (Ramagos) Kelly, JCJC's Foundation Executive Director have been previous winners.

The following is information regarding some of the new faculty and staff at JCJC, who are JCJC Alumni.

Shawn Wansley (82) is the new sports information director in the recently organized JCJC Marketing Department. He was in Phi Theta Kappa and received a PTK scholarship to Mississippi State upon his completion at JCJC. Shawn worked for the Laurel Leader Call for a number of years. He states "I enjoyed my time as a student here at JCJC and am having a great time as an employee".

Cara (Lewis) Hyatt (00) is the assistant basketball coach and an English teacher. Cara was a member of the JCJC Lady Bobcat Basketball Team where she served as Team Captain, SGA Officer, PTK, Concert Choir, Show Choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and BSU while a student at JCJC. She was Homecoming Queen, JCJC Ambassador for U.S. Olympics, JCJC Who's Who, Colorado State Internship participant, and selected as an Mississippi All-Star basketball player. Cara states about her time at JCJC; "JCJC is a place that I have always called home. The relationships that I have made as a student and now as a faculty member are some that I will cherish for a lifetime. I look forward to many years of impacting students lives the way that the Jones Family has impacted mine. It's an awesome place."

Gabe Bozeman (07) is a part of the new Marketing Department. He is a marketing/technical & media assistant specialist. Gabe was in Technical Phi Beta Lambda and Phi Theta kappa while a student at JCJC. Gabe says "I really enjoyed my time here as a student. I met many very friendly people and the atmosphere for learning is great. This has all carried over in my job here at Jones. Employees here are helpful and willing to go the extra mile to do things right. The team effort in making JCJC a better place for everyone has been very inspiring."

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 ENewsletter 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

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. Thank you to all of you that have responded to this request.

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

New Life Members for September

Dawn E. (Easterling) Barnett (95)
Joe Graves Spell (51)
Randall L. Meador (75)

New and Renewing Annual Members for September

G. Sherrill (Smith) Haynes (58)
David & Carol (Batte) Joplin (74/76) (Bobcat Club)
Robert J. McSwain, Jr. (80)
Ronald & Cassandra (Ratcliff) Norman (93/04)
Leshia (Byrd) & Wilroy Ratcliff (82/81)
Charles C. "Sonny" Spence, M.D. (48)
Joyce (Blackwell) Stringer (04)
Norman & Peggy F. Trigg (51)
Carrie Frances (Pieczykolo) Walters (91 & present)
Omah D. West (01)
Joy (Jefcoat) White (85)

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