



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

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The JCJC family hopes you and your families are enjoying FALL weather. We do not often have brilliant foliage in our trees, but this year the color is beautiful. Our hickory trees are golden along with the many other colorful trees. Our JCJC family wishes your family a Happy and Healthful Thanksgiving.

Our **JCJC ENewsletter is one year old** this month. Our first ENewsletter went out in November, 2006 to eight hundred email addresses. This month we will send to sixteen hundred email addresses. Thank you for your support and 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 October one person sent me her four brothers and sisters email addresses. This one email helped us find fifteen JCJC Alumni.

We have now completed our Alumni mail out to over twenty thousand good addresses that we have on the Alumni dBase. If you have not received a letter or school paper from the Alumni Office this year, then we do not have your correct address. Please contact the Alumni Office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@jcjc.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@jcjc.edu) to update your address.

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.

**Christmas Gift Idea:** Give a JCJC Lifetime Alumni membership to your spouse, young person or family member. Contact the JCJC Alumni office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@jcjc.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@jcjc.edu) for more information.

### **JCJC Events**

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

- \* **The JCJC Bobcat Football Team** is 9-2 and has completed the regular football season and state playoffs. Since our last ENewsletter, JCJC was defeated by Gulf Coast Community College and JCJC defeated Co-Lin Community College. We ended the regular season with an 8-1 season and were ranked second in the south division. We played the number one team from the north division in the State Playoffs and defeated Itawamba Community College. JCJC played Gulf Coast Saturday November 10, 2007 for the State Championship and was defeated by Gulf Coast 20-17. JCJC has now ended the 2007 football season as they did not get an invitation to play in a bowl game. Thanks to all the JCJC Bobcat fans for their support during football season.
- \* **JCJC Basketball Teams** are in full swing. Both the girls and boys are undefeated at this point. We play Itawamba and Holmes Community college this week. Support the Bobcat teams with your attendance.
- \* **JCJC Maroon Typhoon** performed in the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade in Washington D. C on Saturday November 10, 2007 and in the New York City Veteran's Day parade on Sunday November 11, 2007.
- \* **2007 JCJC Homecoming** was October 20, 2007. We had a very large crowd and the alumni office is already working on Homecoming for 2008. The honor classes for 2008 will be the 1958 group. Please contact the alumni office if you were a 1958 JCJC or Ellisville High School graduate. Alumni office number is 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@jcjc.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@jcjc.edu).
- \* **Reunion for classes or groups.** If you are interested in coordinating a class or group reunion, contact the JCJC alumni office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@JCJC.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@JCJC.edu).
- \* **November 5, 2007 through December 5, 2007 Pollen Dances: Encaustic Painting by Kat Fitzpatrick by** Visit the Eula Bass Lewis Art Gallery on campus.

- \* **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.
- \* **November 18, 2007, JCJC Hosts City of Hattiesburg Concert Band, 3:00P. M. in the M. P. Bush Fine Arts Auditorium.** The free concert, directed by Dr. Sherman Hong, will feature guest conductor Artie Adams, Director of Bands at South Jones High School, and Jones alumnus.
- \* **November 19-23, 2007,** The JCJC Foundation and Alumni Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Holidays. Happy Thanksgiving!
- \* **November 29, 2007, JCJC Begins the Christmas Season with the Arts, 7:00 P. M. in the M. P. Bush Fine Arts Auditorium.** Christmas is around the corner and JCJC's music department wants to make sure you have the opportunity to begin the season in style. The Symphonic Band, JC Voices, JC Jazz, Jones OnStage, the Horn Ensemble, the Flute Choir, the Jones Concert Choir, and the Jones Festival Orchestra will surely provide a wonderful evening of entertainment and inspiration. Tickets can be purchased from any choir or and member, in the Fine Arts office, or at the door. Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up. Tickets are \$10 for children under 12 years of age. For more information call 601-477-4094.
- \* **The JCJC all sports schedules** are available. Visit [www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu) or contact campus for a copy.
- \* **The Bobcat Club for All Sports** continues during Basketball season. Join us for Basketball games.

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

# **Sherrill (Smith) Haynes (58)** is currently living in Magee, MS. Sherrill taught second grade in the Long Beach School System and retired to live in Magee near her daughter. Sherrill's husband Aubrey passed away in February, 2007. She was sophomore class representative and art editor of the Radonian and Yearbook while a student at JCJC. Sherrill is looking forward to seeing everyone Homecoming 2008 at JCJC.  
**Note: We will have at least one person from the class of 1958 in the ENewsletter from now to Homecoming in 2008. Send us your information!**

# **Jennifer (Maskew) & Rusty McDonald (00/95)** proudly announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Payne McDonald born October 11, 2007. The family is doing great according to Jennifer. Jennifer and Rusty are Lifetime Members of the JCJC Alumni Association.

**Our feature for this month will be Cheerleader Sponsors and Cheerleaders for the years 1960-2005. These faculty members and students put a lot of time and effort into building and maintaining the "Bobcat Spirit".**

# **Iris (Boone) Hilton (57) was cheerleader sponsor 1959-1972.** Iris graduated from JCJC, continued her education at William Carey College and came back to JCJC to teach. She taught Physical Education during her 30 years at JCJC. She and her husband Jack (56) are JCJC Lifetime Alumni Members and you will see them at almost all the JCJC football and basketball games. Iris's two sons, Kyle Hathorn (83) and Kyn Hathorn (88) attended JCJC as well as her brother Randall Boone (53).

# **Tommie (Davis) Lowery (66)** is currently teaching grades 2-6 gifted education. Since graduating from Jones, Tommie has worked with the State Employment Agency, owned and operated a business in Laurel for 12 years and worked as a travel agent. She is married to Wayne Lowery, a JCJC graduate, for 38 years and they are members of the JCJC Alumni Association. They have three children, Amber, Devan (deceased) and Brittany. Brittany attended JCJC 2001-2003. Tommie says that "I truly think the college foundation and friendships I made at Jones are treasures! When I think of Jones, I remember the WALL, Pep rallies, bon fires, the Radonian, excellent teachers, friends, fun, the barn, the old and new dorms (neither of which are still standing). Memories are wonderful and thanks for letting me share the Jones experience that I remember so vividly."

# **Pam (Windham) Hyatt (68)** is currently retired from JCJC. She continued her education at William Carey University. Pam taught English twenty-one years at West Jones High School and taught English and British Literature the last six years at JCJC. She is married to William D. (Billy) Hyatt and they have three children. Suzanne (90), Wes (94) and Brett (05) and they all attended JCJC.

**#Beverly (Wilson) Morris (69)** is currently retired from the Jones County School System. She continued her education at USM where she received a major in Elementary Education with a minor in English. Beverly taught two years in the Smith County School System and returned to Jones County and taught thirty years at South Jones High School. Beverly's husband, Johnny Morris (68) is deceased. He was a Bobcat Football player and worked at JCJC as an instructor and Workbase learning coordinator. They have two daughters, Melanie (89) and Mandi (95). They both attended JCJC and were in the Touch of Gold. Beverly comments about her time at JCJC "I absolutely love my time as a cheerleader at Jones. The girls I cheered with are lifetime friends and we will always cherish the time we spent together at Jones with Iris Hathorn and Sim Cooley...Those were the days!!" Beverly is a JCJC Lifetime Alumni Association member.

**# Patricia Waldrup was cheerleader sponsor 1973-1993.** Pat was a graduate of Delta State with a BS and MS in 1971 and continued her studies and received an Educational Specialist from USM. Her husband, Tim Waldrup (61), was hired in 1970 and Pat came to JCJC in 1972 as Dean of Women. Pat and Tim are JCJC Lifetime Alumni Association members and are now retired from JCJC. Pat's Cheerleader teams started attending NCA camps in 1983 and competed in national competitions from 1987 through 1993. Summer cheerleader camps grew from 50 to 500. Many of her cheerleaders left Jones to cheer for LSU, USM, Miss College, MSU and Ole Miss. Pat's comments relating to her time at JCJC are "I loved being part of the student's maturation period between high school and senior college. They gave 100% to the task at hand."

**# Tracy (Simpson) Ford (81)** attended MSU and graduated with a BA in communications/public relations. Tracy worked in the public relations field for over ten years before marrying then deciding to start a family and be a full time mom. She is married to David Roland Ford and they have two sons, David Roland, 12 years old and William Chandler 10 years old. Tracy's father and sister, Terri (Simpson) Walker (82) attended JCJC. She was class favorite freshmen and sophomore years and elected Miss JCJC. Tracy comments about her time at JCJC, "I loved my two years at Jones and have so many memories of my time there. I always enjoy coming back and being able to recreate such great memories with girls I cheered with and spent many a day and night with is always overwhelming."

**# Rhonda (McCall) Purvis (82)** Rhonda was Miss JCJC and continued her education at USM and received her BS and MS in Elementary Education. Rhonda was a Dixie Darling and a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority while at USM. She has taught at Seminary Attendance Center for 24 years. She has been an assistant fast-pitch softball coach, jr. high basketball coach and jr. high cheerleader coach. She is currently is assistant slow-pitch softball coach and high school cheerleader coach. Rhonda is married to Stoney Purvis (88), a former JCJC cheerleader. They reside in Collins, MS. They have two daughters, Pebbles, 17 years old and Toni, 14 years old. Stoney and Rhonda are anxiously waiting for their two daughters to attend JCJC where they both agree were two of the best years of their lives. Rhonda and Stoney are members of the JCJC Alumni Association.

**# Jennifer (Scrimshire) Smith (88) was cheerleader sponsor 1994-2006.** Jennifer was a cheerleader under Pat Waldrup's tenure and after graduating from JCJC, attended USM for her BS and MS in Guidance and Counseling. She came back to JCJC as cheerleader sponsor and Dean of Women. She is married to Jessie Smith (87), now President of JCJC and they have two children Mary Kate ten years old and Conner six years old. Jennifer was Miss JCJC as a student and is now JCJC's First Lady. Jennifer's comments about her time as a student and cheerleader at JCJC, "Jones was a great experience for me. I loved Jones and did not want to leave. While at Jones, I remember asking Mr. and Mrs. Waldrup why Jones was couldn't be a four year college. The ironic part is that this same question was asked to me while coaching and working at Jones. The years have flown by since I was a student at Jones. It seems like yesterday! I felt my age this past September when I ran into my old cheerleader stunt partner. His daughter is now in the Touch of Gold. Wow! Time flies!" Jennifer's cheerleaders attended nationals every year except one. Her daughter, Mary Kate was seven months old when she attended her first national cheerleading competition at Disney World in Orlando, FL. Mary Kate boasts to her friends that she has been to Disney World just about every year of her life. Jennifer's comments about her time as cheerleader sponsor: "It always was a family affair. The one thing that stands out about our student athletes is that they are enormously talented and athletic. I am honored that I had a place in these student athletes' lives where I tried my best to instill discipline, integrity and teamwork in every situation. The support from the cheerleaders' families made my time with the students all the more enjoyable."

**# Kristi (Hill) Collins (97)** continued her education at MSU receiving a degree in Fitness Management. She graduated from USM in Elem Education and has been teaching third grade at Glade Elementary School in Jones County for six years. Kristi is married to Michael Collins (00) a JCJC graduate and former Bobcat Baseball player. Michael graduated from the JCJC RN program and received a BS in Nursing from the University of South

Alabama. He works as a trauma nurse at SCRMC. They have one child, Eli. Kristi's sister Shea was also a cheerleader at JCJC and her Mother Frances Hill (78) attended JCJC.

# **Stephen Bryant (98)** continued his education at USM and William Carey University. Steven is currently the student pastor at First Baptist Church Ellisville, MS. He has worked as student pastor at Glade Baptist Church and as a gymnastics Instructor at Laurel Gymnastics and Cheernastics. Stephen is married to Stacey (Gilbert) Bryant (95) and they have three children, Annabelle eight years old, Rachel six years old and Hudson two years old. His father, John Thomas Bryant Sr. (66) and brother, John Thomas Bryant Jr. (94) attended JCJC. Stephen's comments regarding his time at JCJC "My time at Jones was a wonderful experience. I loved cheering and by doing so, my tuition was paid for and it taught me things that helped me in becoming a gymnastics instructor. The long practices, late nights and exciting games made for a wonderful life long experience. Being part of two nationally ranked squads and competing in the national championships wasn't bad either. Looking back, I see how much of an influence we as cheerleaders had on the lives of young girls. I do regret that I didn't take full advantage of the opportunity to impact a young life. It's weird how years later we see missed opportunities. I pray that my eyes are open every day so that I won't miss another one!"

**Note: Contact us if you would like to be part of this information on cheerleaders in future ENewsletters.**

### # Deaths

**D. O. Thoms (38)** died October 12, 2007, 2007. Mr. Thoms was the longest serving JCJC Board of Trustees member having served on the Board for 50 years with 28 of those years as chairman. He retired from the Board in 1997. Mr. "Bud" and Mrs. Daisy were married 65 years and together were recognized as the 1997 JCJC Honor Alumnus. Their three sons, David, Joel and Richard were all JCJC alumni. "Mr. Thoms was a stabilizing force for the college," said JCJC President, Dr. Jesse Smith. According to President Emeritus, Dr. Ronald Whitehead, "Mr. Thoms was always looking for ways to help students."

**Vivian O'Neil (Sullivan) Page (47)** died September 25, 2007. Vivian was a life long resident of Mississippi. She was employed by South Central Bell as a switchboard operator during WWII. She graduated from Mize High School.

**Margie (Smith) Lycette (53)** died October 12, 2007. Margie was a resident of Jackson, MS and taught school in the Jackson area for over 45 years.

**L. S. "Knotty" Bond (67)** died November 2, 2007. Knotty was a resident of Laurel and graduated from Laurel High School. He was a JCJC Bobcat player in 1965-66 seasons and a JCJC Lifetime Alumni member. He will be remembered as a person that always gave his all to whatever activity he was participating in. Knotty was retired from Bell South.

**Stanley "Stan" Rathbun (69)** died August 15, 2007. He was a resident of Forestville, California. Stan graduated from Quitman High School in 1967. He was a line-haul truck driver with Conway Freight for over 18 years.

### 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](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. Thank you to all of you that have responded to this request.**

**New Life Members for October**

Kimberly (Murray) Cruise (90)  
Nancy (Lewis) & Tom McClellan (66/63)

**New and Renewing Annual Members for October**

Nancy B. (Stevens) Billingsley (85)  
Janice M. Bloxson (Student)  
Brenda Bush (03)  
Ruby J. (Howze) Ducksworth (03)  
Wm E. & Virginia Gammage (50)  
Don & Kelly Hayes (07/96)  
Jennifer B. (Meece) Knight (05)  
Kenny & Lesia (Hutchinson) Odom (Friends)  
Tomecia Payton (94)  
Tommye J. (Sumrall) & Tom Rowell (59/56)  
Pamela E. (Bush) & Lee Scoggins (66/68)

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