



JCJC Alumni & Friends E-News

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The JCJC family hopes you and your family are having a great “late” winter and early spring. Japanese Magnolias, Mayhaw trees and Plum trees are already budding! Mardi Gras is over, spring football is in full swing, baseball, softball and tennis season have started and the JCJC campus is starting Spring Bloom! We do hope that you will come by and visit the campus. Of course, you know we might have another snow!

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.

We continue to search for Alumni! I just happened to read a comment on an alumni dbase record this past week and found that this person had married a cheerleader and played basketball at JCJC in the mid 60's. Look in your JCJC yearbook and see if you know where any of your classmates are located. Let us know who you find. If you have not received a letter the Alumni Office this past 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 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.

Birthdays or Graduation 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 for more information. (We had a number of people who did this for Christmas gifts).

* **Upcoming events:** (Go to www.jcjc.edu for more info on events and activities)

* **JCJC Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Tennis Teams** are in full swing. Support the Bobcat teams with your attendance. Visit the JCJC Website for schedule.

* **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.

* **Soccer Tryouts** for men and women's teams is set for February 16.

* **Non-credit computer classes** are being offered at the Advanced Technology Center throughout the semester. For more information go to the JCJC website and click on Advanced Technology Center to look at their calendar or call 601-477-4114 for more information.

* **Lifelong Learning Program** offers a wide variety of non-credit courses. These courses will include evening classes lunchtime lectures, discussion groups, and professional classroom instruction on a wide array of subjects. Some initial course offerings: Ebay for Everybody, Floral Arrangement, Brush Up your Business English, Beginning Guitar, Beginning Painting and Beginning Pottery. Contact Tammy Townsend at 601-477-4057 or Cheryl Windham at 601-477-4207 for more information.

* **February 14, Black History Event.** “A Special Valentines Day with Miss Mississippi” Kimberly Nicole Morgan. Kimberly is a graduate of Alcorn State University. She will read to the daycare class in the community service building at 9:30A.M. and speak to the campus audience at 10:00A.M. in the Home Health Services building. This event is sponsored by the JCJC African-American Student Organization and the JCJC Student Government Association.

* **February 21 & 23, at 7:30 p.m.** JCJC Theater Department will present “Cabaret” in the JCJC Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets cost \$7 for the general public and \$5 for JCJC students. For more information call the JCJC Fine Arts Department at 601-477-4094.

* **February 25, at 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Senator Roger Wicker will be speaking to JCJC administrators, faculty, staff, area leaders, and guest in the C. L. Neill Student Center faculty dining room.

- * **February 29, JCJC Annual High School Band Clinic.** Over 400 outstanding students from the JCJC eight county district will be competing for a spot on the 1st Band. JCJC band will hold a concert at 3:30 p. m. on Friday. Workshops will continue on Saturday. The public is invited to both concerts with the student concert being held at 1:30 on Saturday. For more information, contact Sammy Barr at 601-477-4094.
- * **March 4, 9:30 until 12:30 p. m. JCJC Job Fair.** Area business and industry representatives are looking for employees, P. E. Building.
- * **March 6, second annual JCJC Garden Symposium.** This Symposium will include guest speakers:
The Garden Mama, Nellie Neal and Fred Spicer, Executive Director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Workshops on the following:
Native Plants that Bloom and Attract Butterflies by Dr. Mike Davis
Cutting of Perennials and Other Popular Summer Annuals
Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs
New Annuals and How to use them
Floral Design
Simple Irrigation for the Homeowner
For registration information call 601-477-4145 or email foundation@jcjc.edu. You may download a brochure with registration form from the JCJC website under “announcements”.
- * **March 28, JCJC Alumni Golf Tournament at the Laurel County Club, Laurel, MS.** If you are interested in playing, being a corporate sponsor or participating in other way, please contact the Alumni Office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at amie.herrington@jcjc.edu to update your address.
- * **The JCJC all sports schedules** are available. Visit www.jcjc.edu or contact campus for a copy.
- * **The Bobcat Club for All Sports** continues during Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Tennis season. Join us for all of these events.

Tidbits from the JCJC Family

Note: We will try to include at least one person from the class of 1958 in the ENewsletter from now until Homecoming 2008. Send us your information!

Dr. James T. Tisdale (90) is director of development for USM’s College of Science and Technology. He has also served as director of Corporate Relations for the School of Business at the University of Mississippi. JT is the son of Dr. Terrell and Mrs. Martha Tisdale. Dr. Terrell Tisdale was President of JCJC during JT’s growing up and years at JCJC. JT is married to Heather Tisdale and they have two sons, Reese 5 years old and Grady two years old. JT’s comments about his time at JCJC, “Jones gave me the basics that allowed me to have a stronger understanding of more complex subject matter when I moved on to my studies at a University setting. Smaller classes helped me greatly”. James said that he did not have any brothers or sisters but his dog, “Big Boy”, ran down the field at the 1983 East Bowl that was played on campus and caused a delay in the game and JT somehow got in trouble for it! JT is a JCJC Lifetime Alumni member.

We are featuring some of the JCJC Alumni who have become part of the JCJC Faculty and Administration.

Sandra (Wells) Sumrall (74) is Lady Bobcat Basketball Coach. She just celebrated her 500th career victory as a head coach. Sandra was head coach at West Jones High School 1982-1999 where she won a state championship in 1997 and compiled 364 victories. She came to JCJC in 1999-2000 and led the Lady Bobcats to a state crown in 2001. Sandra is married to Rick Sumrall (74) and both their daughters, Brittany (Sumrall) Johnson (02) and Chelsey Sumrall (06) attended JCJC and played basketball for the Lady Bobcats. Sandra and Rick are active Bobcat Club members.

Cheryl (Holifield) Windham (77) is an English Instructor and serves as Division Chair for the Humanities Department. As a student at JCJC, Cheryl played basketball both years and was selected as freshman and sophomore class favorite. She was a sophomore class officer, selected as Homecoming Queen, Who Who’s in American Junior Colleges and Hall of Fame. Cheryl comments about her years at JCJC, “JCJC had me ready for senior college-in all senses of the word. My years as a JCJC Bobcat were the best years of my entire educational experience, in fact, I loved it so much here that I made it my life goal to come back and teach at JCJC some glad

day. As an English instructor and the Humanities Division Chair, I am living the dream". Cheryl's daughter, Callie Diane Green and Sister, Lori Diane Holifield, both attended JCJC.

#Eddie Pierce (80) is the JCJC Bobcat Football Head Coach. He played football for the Bobcats as a student and was selected to be Mr. JCJC his sophomore year. Eddie continued his education at USM and has been a coach and teacher since his graduation. He is married to Paula (McNair) Pierce (80) a JCJC Cheerleader 1977-1979 and now an Art Instructor at JCJC. Since becoming Bobcat Football Head Coach, Eddie's teams have finished in the top 20 in the nation. This past year, the Bobcats finished number 5 in the nation.

Jennifer (Scrimshire) Smith (88) is now JCJC's First Lady. Her husband is Dr. Jesse Smith (87), President of JCJC. She was a class favorite, cheerleader and Miss JCJC her sophomore year. Jennifer continued her education at USM with a BS and MS in Guidance and Counseling. She was an intern at JCJC and worked at Richton High School before returning to JCJC in 1995 as Dean of Women and Cheerleader sponsor from 1995-2006. Jennifer and Jesse have two children, Mary Kate ten years old and Conner six years old. Jennifer's sister Tracy (Scrimshire) Reynolds was a cheerleader at JCJC in 1982-84. Jennifer and Jesse are JCJC Lifetime Alumni members.

Mary E. (Higginbotham) Boleware (90) is a Physics Instructor at JCJC. As a student at JCJC, Mary was selected by her peers as Miss JCJC and sophomore class favorite. She was selected as Hall of Fame and Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Mary continued her education at USM with a BS in Physics and a MS in Physics from Alabama at Birmingham. She taught high school math and science courses for four years before coming to JCJC as an instructor. Mary is married to Garland Boleware and they have two children, Tanner 8 years old and Hunter four years old. Mary's sister attended JCJC and her parents, Sandra and Elmer Higginbotham, both taught for over twenty years and retired from JCJC. Her mother, Sandra, taught in the Business Technology area and her father, Elmer, was a baseball and football coach. Mary says that she was very well prepared to continue her studies at USM and at UAB. Mary is a JCJC Lifetime Alumni member.

Jason Dedwylder (98) is Director of External Funding at JCJC. He was President of the Student Government Association, Drum Major in the Maroon Typhoon band, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class Favorite and in the JCJC Hall of Fame and Who's Who as a student at JCJC. He continued his education at MSU and The George Washington University. Jason worked as a Legislative Analyst for Powell Goldstein in Washington, D. C. and as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Chip Pickering in Washington, D. C. Jason's brother Ben also attended JCJC in 1999-2000. Jason's comments about his time at JCJC, "JCJC was instrumental in preparing me for my senior college career. The foundation provided by the administration, faculty and staff at JCJC afforded me the opportunity to excel throughout my educational endeavors". Jason is a JCJC Lifetime Alumni member.

Megan (Pickering) Stringer (99) is a biology instructor and lab coordinator at JCJC. She was President of the Student Government Association, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and played basketball and softball while a student at JCJC. She was an NJCAA academic all-American and selected to the NJCAA all-tournament team. Megan was the HEADWAE student honoree and selected to the JCJC Hall of Fame. She continued her education at LSU where she received a B. S. in Animal Science and received her M.S. in Physiology from Colorado State University, School of Veterinary Medicine in 2003. She worked at the University of MS Medical Center where she started the first transgenic core facility in the state of Mississippi. Megan, a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, says "Jones is like home to me. Coming back to work here is a dream come true". She is married to Douglas E. Stringer and they just recently had their first child. Megan is a JCJC Lifetime Alumni member.

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

Deaths

Westley Don Cameron, a long time JCJC faculty member who was retired from JCJC, died January 18, 2008 at his home in Hattiesburg/Oak Grove area. He taught History for more than 31 years and will always be remembered as an excellent teacher.

James Robert (Bob) Hardy, Sr. (34) died January 14, 2008 in McHenry, MS. He formerly lived in Pascagoula and Jackson, MS. Mr. Hardy was the great nephew of William Harris Hardy, founder of Gulfport and Hattiesburg, MS. Because of his great love of big band music, he founded the Capitol City Stage Band in Jackson, MS in 1985. He played and managed the band for several years.

Glen Albert Houston, a long time JCJC faculty member and was retired from JCJC died December 28, 2007 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. Glen and his wife, Mary, lived in Laurel most of their lives. Glen was an Automotive Technology Instructor on the campus of JCJC. He was well respected for his knowledge and ability to help young people.

Jerry Patrick Johnston (56) died January 5, 2008 at Wayne General Hospital in Waynesboro, MS. He was formerly of Coldwater, MS. Jerry Patrick played football at JCJC and was on the 1955 Jr Rose Bowl team. He also played football at LSU and Northwestern State College in Louisiana. He was very active in the town of Coldwater. Mr. Johnston's brothers were also athletes. Don P. Johnston played at JCJC in the middle 60's and his brother, Frank Johnston played at USM in the 60's.

Stephen Elon Sasser (96) died December 8, 2007 in Covington County Hospital, Collins MS. Mr. Sasser lived in the Collins, MS area and was a Direct Care Worker for Boswell Regional Center in Magee, MS.

Mary Frances (Anderson) Schultz (42) died December 19, 2007 in Colleyville, TX. She moved to New Orleans in 1947 where she met her husband of 41 years, Jack Isaac Schultz.

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.

New Life Members for January

Lance Steven and Stacie (Johnson) Mauldin (90/90)
Gay (Taylor) O'Neil (56)
James Dale and Shelbie Jean (Smith) Pickering (58/59)
Louis W. Waller (85)
Patrick and Terri (Clark) Ward (04/99)

New and Renewing Annual Members for January

Natasha Leah (Breakfield) and Benjamin Alan Baughman (97/95)
James Redell and Linda Faye Bonner (76/78)
Cindy (Walker) Breland (80)
Patsy Brewer (86)
Lyndi Lane (Putnam) Dobbs (99)
Jean Taylor Erickson (54)
Rachel "Sissy" (Merritt) and John Harrol Ingram (91/92)
James Robert "Bob" and Janie Patricia (Welborn) Jefcoat (70)
Christiana L. "Chrissy" (McLeod) Leggett (01)
Drew and Holly (Hinton) McCann (99/99)
Brendan Lee Mummart (07)
Linda Rose (Myers-Johnson) Unger (79)

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