



The JCJC family hopes you and your family are having a great spring season --yellow pollen and all the other allergies brought on by the blooming trees and flowers! Spring is really beautiful on our college campus--surely you remember those days! Do you remember the arbors and the beautiful flowers? Spring Break is over, spring football, baseball, softball and tennis are in full swing and the JCJC campus is in full spring bloom! We do hope that you will come by and visit the campus.

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! Fall class reunions are currently in the planning stages. We have now recorded all cheerleaders from 1958- present in the Alumni dBase and are actively looking for the ones with no addresses. 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.

Birthday 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 Baseball, Softball and Tennis Teams** are in full swing. The JCJC Baseball team has a record of 13 wins-15 losses; Softball has 13 wins-9 losses; Tennis men have 6 wins-2 losses and tennis women have 8 wins-0 losses. Support the Bobcat teams with your attendance. Visit the JCJC Website for schedule and to follow the various team records as they go through their seasons.

* **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.

* **Some alumni from the 1973-75 years** are looking for friends from that time frame. If you are interested in emailing or talking with this group, contact the Alumni Office at JCJC 601-477-4049.

* **Reunion for the 1961 Bobcat Football Team**, May 8-11, 2008 in Gatlinburg, TN. This get-together has been planned and organized by Parker Dykes and Eddie Loper. If you are interested, contact Eddie at 601-428-1023 or 601-498-6542, Parker at 865-940-1035 or 965-696-6678.

* **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.

* **Friday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. Spring Recital Series-Foote Chapel.** Romantic Traditions-Impromptu Piano Quartet performs Johannes Brahms' exciting Hungarian-flavored Quartet for Piano and Strings in G Minor.

Performers include Stephen Redfield, violin; Hsiaopei Lee, viola; Alexander Russakovsky, cello, and Theresa Sanchez, piano.

- * **Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. JCJC Voices-First Presbyterian Church, Laurel.** JCJC's chamber choir, JC Voices, will present a program entitled "Mozart and More" and will consist of works by Mozart, Haydin, Hoggard, and Basler. Soloists along with the chamber choir will be Brittany Allen of Semmes, Al, Katie Easley of Laurel, Eric Johnson of Laurel, Andy Smigielski of Petal and Heather James of Moselle. For more information call the JCJC Fine Arts Department at 601-477-4094.
- * **Friday, April 11 at 12.30 p.m. Spring Recital Series-Fine Arts Auditorium.** The Power of Percussion-Southern Miss Steel Drum Combo, directed by John Wooton, uses four different steel drum voices in a program co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa honor society. They play music of various styles, such as calypso, soca, cha-cha, naningo and funk. The steel drum, or more correctly, the steel pan, is from Trinidad and the program will feature Trinidad composers.
- * **Friday, April 11, Miss USA Pageant.** Leah Laviano, Miss Mississippi USA and a sophomore at JCJC, will represent Mississippi in the Miss USA Pageant. Leah is the daughter of Pam (Geddie) Nunes (78) and the granddaughter of Vern and Joan Geddie of Ellisville.
- * **Friday, April 11, Special Olympics-JCJC Bobcat Football Stadium.**
- * **Wednesday, April 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m., JCJC Guitar Festival & Concert-Foote Chapel.** Hosted by JCJC's music department. Guitar students will be studying under guitar professor, Giovanni (John) DeChiaro. This large ensemble will perform for the JCJC Recital Class at 1:00p.m. And the public is invited to this concert at no charge. For more information contact Dr. Michael Boyd at JCJC Fine Arts at 601-477-4094 or mike.boyd@jcjc.edu.
- * **Friday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. Spring Recital Series-Foote Chapel.** Brass Works-Southern Arts Brass Quintet members include Daniel Kelly, trumpet, Michael Bass, trumpet, Heidi Lucas, horn, Bruce Tychinski, trombone, and Richard Perry, tuba. Their program ranges from Bach to twentieth-century composers and includes some jazz favorites.
- * **June 9-June 13, JCJC Kids' College.** Registration is now available for Kids' College 2008. Program Coordinator is Missie Meeks. Registration is open to children who will complete grades first through sixth in May 2008. Registration is on a first register/first pay basis with a limited number of children per grade. If you are need additional information, call Missie at 601-477-4073 or visit the web site at: www.jcjc.edu/kidscollege.
- * **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!

Bobcat Cheerleaders Place in National Competition. The Bobcat Cheerleader squad placed fifth in the nation out of seven of the most talented cheerleading squads in the United States. In order to participate in this competition the squad must submit a video of their stunts, crowd participation and tumbling. The ranking of the video determines if the squad is accepted in to the national competition and the score is averaged into the final routine score. The squad then appears before a panel of judges, along with the other seven squads that have been selected, to perform a two and one-half minute routine. This competition is held in Orlando, FL by the Universal Cheerleading Association.

Mississippi Nursing Student of the Year/Student Nurse Organization Advisor of the Year.

Vanessa (Barr) Waters (07) from Sumrall was recently chosen as the Mississippi Student Nurse of the Year. She was nominated by the Jones nursing faculty and won over all nursing students in both two-year and four-year colleges in Mississippi. Vanessa is the first Jones student to earn this honor. She is the daughter of JCJC band director, Sammy Barr. In addition, JCJC nursing instructor, Barbara Campbell, was selected as the Student Nursing Organization Advisor of the Year.

Radiography Sophomore takes first place in Scientific Manuscripts.

Marla Upton of Stringer placed first in scientific manuscripts from the approximately 100 submitted by students in Radiologic Technology programs from across the state of Mississippi. She and a fellow JCJC student, Sonny Small's manuscript was selected as one of the top six in the state. Marla, Sonny and the other top students then presented their manuscripts to an audience of approximately 150 radiography students, faculty, judges and radiographers and first, second and third place winners were announced. According to Sandy Cochran (87), JCJC radiography instructor, "These students are exemplary, and they reflect the quality students we have in the JCJC radiography program." Donna (McDonald) Sykes (84), JCJC radiography instructor, stated that "Since 1991, ninety-eight percent of our students who have completed the program pass their national registry exam."

JCJC's Band Director Inducted in Hall of Fame.

Sammy Barr, Director of Bands at JCJC, was inducted into the Southeast Mississippi Band Directors Hall of Fame February 2, 2008. This award was given "in recognition of Mr. Barr's musical excellence and tireless work for the benefit of the students in Southeast Mississippi," said SEMBDA President Delores Stegall. Sammy has been director of bands and instructor at Grenada Junior High School, Sumrall High School, and Petal High School and became director of bands at JCJC in 1992. The JCJC Maroon Typhoon Marching Band is one of the largest two-year college bands in the nation. The Maroon Typhoon, under the leadership of Sammy, has performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, King Orange Jamboree Parade in Miami and the Cotton Bowl Parade in Dallas, the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall Parade in Washington, D.C., the nation's veteran's Day Parade in New York City, and the granddaddy of them all, the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Ca. Sammy and his wife, Penny, live in Petal and all four of their children have attended JCJC.

John Wiley "Bud" Wyzard, III (90) currently owns and runs J & H Auto Supply Inc. in Purvis, MS. He and his wife Helene live in Purvis. He is a JCJC Alumni Association member. Bud was football manager under Coach Sim Cooley while a student at JCJC. Bud states about his time at JCJC: "I was recruited by Coach Elmer Higginbotham to be a team manager. I was planning to join the military so college was not on my agenda during the time I was at Leakesville High School. I came to Jones anyway and majored in Marketing and Distribution under Mr. Wilson Partlow. That was the best thing that could have happened to me. I have been a successful self employed business owner for 23 years thanks to Jones Junior College, Coach Elmer Higginbotham and Mr. Wilson Partlow. My most prized possession is my JCJC Football letter jacket and the memories of my shaved head when I was a freshman-which I consider an honor. Even though I live in another jr/community college territory, I will always be a 'Shaved Head Bobcat'."

Gennie Phillips-Odom (98) was recently named the editor of The Demopolis Times and affiliate publications. She was the managing editor since November, 2006. Gennie attended JCJC and completed her college education at the University of Southern Mississippi. She also worked for the Scott County (Mississippi) Times. She is married to Allen Odom.

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

Kathleen "Kathy" (Ethridge) Holifield (71) is the Director of the Terrell Tisdale Library. She has worked as a secretary/medical transcriptionist for a local pathologist. Kathy continued her education at USM and was hired as a librarian for R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel, where she worked for twenty years. She became the Public Services Librarian for JCJC in 1993. Kathy is married to Kenneth Holifield (69) and both their children, Dr. Kent Holifield (99) and Karen Lea (Holifield) Fitzgerald (02) attended JCJC. Kathy and Kenneth are JCJC Alumni Association Lifetime members. Kathy is always willing to help with projects on campus.

Missie (Waldrup) Meeks (92) is an English instructor and directs the JCJC Kids College each summer. Missie was a member of the JCJC Maroon Typhoon's Touch of Gold dance team. She continued her education at USM and William Carey University. She taught at Northeast Jones High School prior to coming to JCJC. Missy is married to Bobby Meeks (92) and they are the parents of two boys, Kaleb and Dylan. Missy and Bobby are JCJC Alumni Association Lifetime members. Many of you might remember Missy as she grew up on the JCJC campus. Her parents are Tim and Pat Waldrup, retired administrators from JCJC.

#David C. Lowery (91) is an English instructor. He continued his education at USM and has an Ed.S. in English Curriculum and Instruction from MSU. David taught English at Heidelberg and Northeast Jones High School prior to coming to JCJC. He is married to Jennifer (Hancock) Lowery (93) and they have one son Noah Ford Lowery. David and Jennifer are JCJC Alumni Association Lifetime members.

Paul Spell (00) is the JCJC Network Manager. He graduated from the Networking Technology Program here at JCJC. Paul went to work as a Network Technician while a student at JCJC. He has attended a number of professional workshops to enhance the network here at JCJC. He is married to Monica (Watkins) Spell (99) and they have one child.

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

Deaths

Dr. Edwin H. Cole, a long time friend and supporter of JCJC, died February 1, 2008. He practiced medicine 52 years, beginning his career at the South Mississippi Charity Hospital in Laurel, MS. He and Dr. William Moak established the Richton Medical Center in Richton, MS in 1965. Dr. Cole practiced medicine at Perry County General Hospital until December, 2007. His wife, Dorothy Cole, has also been a long time supporter of JCJC.

Robert Loree Stevens (40) died February 6, 2008 at Winston Medical Center in Louisville, MS. After attending JCJC, he attended and graduated from MSU with a BS degree in Agriculture. Mr. Stevens retired as district director with the USDA over 19 counties.

Bennie Sythel Beard Randle (50) died January 30, 2008 at her home in Pascagoula, MS. She graduated from Leakesville High School and received a basketball scholarship to JCJC. She held several secretarial and professional positions prior to her employment for Ingals Shipbuilding. She retired in 1984.

John Lewis Tisdale (58) died December 22, 2007. He was a life long resident of the Whitfield Community in Jones County where he lived with his wife, Barbara Tucker Tisdale for 48 years. He continued his college studies at William Carey College. Mr. Tisdale taught math in the Jones County Schools and was a farmer and machinist.

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 February/March

Richard E. "Ricki" Boone (79)
Steven R. "Randy" Boone (82)
William G. "Rocky" and Kristy Boone (92/98)
Benetta Ann (Johnson) Leggett (81/02/05)
Jennifer (Sullivan) Knight (93)
Meg (Blakeney) Wallace (82)

New and Renewing Annual Members for February/March

Jody Babineaux (06)
Bill and Ann (Pavesic) Caldwell (76)
Jean (Taylor) Erickson (54)
David E. and Darlene T. Gilmore
Gloria Jean "Jeannie" (Frazier) Goree (80)
E. Wayne and Sheila (Knight) Howell (73/72)

Dawn Marie (Hollingsworth) Lister (75)
Marcia Janine Osborne (05)
Gary Niel Parker (90)
Marilyn (Ethridge) Seymour (89)
Herbert Ray and Joyce (Chancellor) Thompson (65)

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