



JCJC Alumni & Friends E-News

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Note: We are forming committees NOW to plan the Homecoming events for 2008. The 1958 year classes of JCJC and Ellisville High School will be the “Honored Classes”. Please contact Amie at the Alumni Office if you are interested serving on the group that will be planning and contacting your classmates. Homecoming is October 11, 2008. Alumni Office telephone number is 601-477-4049.

The JCJC family hopes you and your family are enjoying the great spring season. Spring is really beautiful on our college campus-surely you remember those days! Do you remember the arbors and the beautiful flowers? We are fast approaching semester exams and graduation. 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. Look in your JCJC yearbook and see if you know where any of your classmates are located. Let us know who you find. 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 has completed the season.**
- * **JCJC Softball is winding up their season this week.**
- * **JCJC Tennis Teams** are through with regular season. Tennis men finished 6th in Region 23 and the Bobcat Ladies are headed to NJCAA National Tournament May 2-8 at the Randolph Davis Tennis Center in Tucson Az.
- * **Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. JCJC Graduation in Bobcat Gym.**
- * **Thursday, Summer Evening Class Registration, May 29, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Academic Support Center.
- * **Friday, Summer Day Class Registration, May 30, 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** Academic Support Center.
- * **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.
- * **Visit the JCJC Website for Summer Camps.**
- * **Leadership Conference, July 15-18. Visit the JCJC Website for more information.**
- * **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.
- * **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

- # **Leah Laviano (08) 1st alternate to Miss USA.** Leah was JCJC's Most Beautiful in her freshmen year. She represented Mississippi in the Miss USA Pageant April 11, 2008. Leah is a member of the JCJC On Stage Group and is listed in JCJC's Who Who in American Junior Colleges. She will attend Ole Miss next year majoring in English. Leah is the daughter of Pam (Geddie) Nunes (78) and the granddaughter of Vern and Joan Geddie of Ellisville.
- # **Chris Glaze (08) named the Lea Plarski Award winner.** He received this award from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). This award goes to a student-athlete who exemplifies sportsmanship, leadership, community service, academic excellence and athletic ability. He will be honored at the 2008 AT & T National Sportsmanship Awards on June 15 in St. Louis Mo. Chris is a two year starter as shortstop on JCJC's baseball team and was coached by his father, Bobby Glaze. Chris was vice president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society often visits elementary schools in the area to talk about the negative aspects of taking drugs and is a very active member of the Ellisville First Baptist Church. Chris is a member of JCJC's Hall of Fame. His parents are Bobby and Linda Glaze from Ellisville.
- # **Annah Freeman (08) JCJC's HEADWAE recipient along with JCJC's Math instructor Mrs. Warrenne Ferry.** They were two of seventy-two outstanding students and faculty members from 36 Mississippi public and private universities receiving special recognition from the Mississippi Legislature during the 21st Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day. Mrs. Ferry has been teaching a total of 25 years, 19 at JCJC and is a Lifetime member of the JCJC Alumni Association. She serves as chairperson for the mathematics division. Annah is a graduate of West Jones High School and has a 4.0 grade point average, with a major in foreign language and international trade and a minor on history. She is a JCJC Hall of Fame member. Her parents are Ted (80) and Karen (86) Freeman from the Laurel area.
- # **Loria (Langley) Newsome (90)** is currently teaching at Glade Elementary in the Jones County School System. Loria continued her education at USM and William Carey University. She and her husband, Ted, live in the Ellisville area. Loria has taught at Glade Elementary for 16 years and was recently named the Glade's Jones County Teacher of the Year for 2008. Both of their children, Adam and Hope attended JCJC and are in articles that follow this article. Loria's sister, LaDonna (Langley) Mason attended JCJC in 1987-1990. Loria comments about her time at JCJC: "My children and I are very proud to be JCJC Alumni! Thanks Jones!!"
- # **Adam Newsome (02)** is the son of Loria (Langley) Newsome and is currently a 3rd year law student at the University Of Mississippi School Of Law. He serves as Chairman of the University of Mississippi Moot Court Board.. After completing his education at JCJC, he attended and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mississippi College with a BS in Business Administration. Adam volunteered for one year with the Southern Baptist Convention as a campus minister in Walla Walla, WA and then returned to began law school at Ole Miss. Adam comments about his time at JCJC: "I will always look back on my time at JCJC as a great time and I look forward to the day that I will be in a position to give back to such a fine institution".
- # **Hope Newsome (05)** is the daughter of Loria (Langley) Newsome and is currently a graduating senior at Mississippi State University. She will receive her BS in secondary education with an English concentration. After graduation, Hope plans to spend the summer in the Philippines as a part of a summer mission's team. She will return to Mississippi in August to begin her teaching career. While at JCJC Hope was on the yearbook staff and participated in the concert choir. She states about her time at JCJC: "My time at JCJC was a wonderful and meaningful experience. I look forward to being an active Alumni."

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

Clint (98) and Sarah (Jordan) (97) James welcome the birth of their daughter Harper Jordan James. Clint is an instructor in the Welding Program and is division chair for the occupational division. He and his wife are Lifetime members of the JCJC Alumni Association and live in Lucedale, MS.

Donna (Grantham) Scoggin (82) is a Nursing instructor and Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing program. She continued her education at USM where she received her BS in Nursing. Donna began her nursing career as a staff nurse at SCRMC in Laurel and later transferred to the ER. She came to JCJC as an instructor in 1989 and returned to the University of South Alabama to complete her Master of Science in Nursing. Donna received her PhD from USM. Donna was recognized recently the Outstanding Citizen 2007 by the City of Ellisville. Donna is married to Donnie Scoggin (89) and he is a graduate of the JCJC Associate Degree Nursing program and is a FNP here in Ellisville. They have two sons, Darren (07) and a dual enrolled high school senior and JCJC freshmen, Daniel. Donna's parents, Jack and Lois (Harper) Grantham both graduated from JCJC in 1955 and 1957. Her brothers, Stan (76/01) and Chuck (78) attended JCJC as did her sister Wanda (Grantham) Hull (80/85). Donna's comments about JCJC; "My parents recognized the value of education and knew that JCJC was the place for us to begin our educational endeavors. With their support and encouragement and the strong educational foundation that began her at Jones, my siblings and I have enjoyed successful careers. My son, Darren, had such a positive experience at Jones. He frequently shares with others how glad he is that he came here, and stating that he would never trade his time spent here at Jones for anything." Donna and Donnie are Lifetime members of the JCJC Alumni Association.

Kerri Pippin (97) is a Math instructor/Math Lab Director. She continued her education at USM. Kerri taught basic computer classes in partnership with JCJC and the Laurel Win job center. She also worked full time for two years as a math instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi and part-time for one year with Pearl River Community College. Kerri is married to Steven Pippin (89) and they have one son Matthew.

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

Deaths

Joseph (Joe) Robinson died April 27, 2008 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS. He was a former wood working instructor and long time friend of JCJC. He retired in 1984 from First Chemical Corporation.

Robert H. McFarland (38) died March 31, 2008 at Jasper General Hospital in Bay Springs, MS. Mr. McFarland played football while attending JCJC and was captain of the 1937 Bobcat team. After attending JCJC, he attended, played football and graduated from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. He was accepted into law school at Ole Miss, but WW II called him out of school. Mr. McFarland returned to Ole Miss Law School, graduated and started his law practice in 1947. He was on the JCJC Foundation Board and a long time supporter of JCJC. He and his wife were life time residents of Bay Springs, MS.

Jim Stumph (48) died February 23, 2008 at his home in Temple Tx. He attended Pendorff Elementary school, graduated from Ellisville AHS, attended and played football for the JCJC Bobcats in 1946-47 and was an active Alumni member. Mr. Stumph also attended USM where he received his MS in Education. He worked for IBM as a national marketing representative for 38 years and retired in 1990 to his ranch in Temple, Tx.

Betty Sue (Wilkins) Alexander (51) died March 29, 2008 at Kings Daughters Hospital in Brookhaven, MS. She graduated from Bay Springs High School and attended JCJC and MSCW in Columbus. She was a retired bus driver and teacher's assistant for the Franklin County School System and lived in Meadville, MS.

Joye Chancellor (53) died March 4, 2007 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Ms. She was a native of Greene County and attended JCJC, MUW and William Carey College. Mrs. Chancellor taught school at Powers Elementary in Laurel and was a life long resident of the Willow Grove Community in Covington County.

C. Gary Crumpton (59) died April 17, 2008 at his home in Raleigh, MS. He was a graduate of Raleigh High School, JCJC and MSU. Mr. Crumpton taught school at Mize High School before beginning a career in government services. He was active in Mental Health and served as the Assistant Director of East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian. He served as Sheriff of Smith County in 1972-1979 and Chancery Clerk from 1992 until his death. Mr. Crumpton was long time friend of JCJC.

Rev. Machorn Hartfield Sr. (78) died March 15, 2008 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. Machorn was a graduate of Beaumont High School and attended JCJC and William Carey University. He was a pastor for over 21 years for churches in the Collins and Beaumont area.

Reginald Barnett (82) died March 3, 2008 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS. Reginald was a graduate of Heidelberg High School and attended JCJC.

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 April

Sandra (Black) and Kenny Flowers (80)
Clint and Sarah (Jordan) James (98/97) (Faculty)
David Smith (76)

New and Renewing Annual Members for April

Cleo (Rogers) Byrd (40)
Nelda (Prine) and Charlie Creel (81)
Pamela and Donald Knight (81)
Joe McIntosh (87)
Shea (Mills) Rigney (02)
Brandy Watts (05)

I look forward to hearing from you via the Internet! Email me at: robert.landrum@jcjc.edu

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