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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS...



Happy Holidays! The fall 2013 semester at MGCCC has been an exciting one filled with progress. I hope you enjoy the photos and stories from Homecoming, the Festival of Lights and other noteworthy college happenings provided in this edition of Action.

Featured in this edition are the many new MGCCC programs and locations across the region, including the Haley Reeves Barbour Maritime Training Academy in Pascagoula and the new Nursing and Simulation Center at Tradition. These new facilities will provide MGCCC students with an innovative place to learn. They will also provide our educators with an environment that supports creative teaching methods that will foster student success.

Also showcased are distinguished alumni who have been honored for their many talents - from Teacher of the Year to appointment to public service. I am exceedingly proud of the many successes of our alumni.

Finally, the Bacot McCarty Foundation and Todd Trenchard are featured for their support of the community and MGCCC. Without the generous support of the Alumni Association and MGCCC Foundation, we would not be able to provide our students and future alumni with the scholarships they need.

We look forward to your continued involvement in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Mary S. Graham, Ph.D.

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Oh what fun it was! Festival of Lights 2013



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Homecoming 2013

FROM LEFT: Ed Evans and Pat Allen visit the Archives on Homecoming Day. They were players on the 1948 national-champion football team.



FROM LEFT: Nebo Carter and his brother Mike, who works at the Jackson County Campus, at the Clem Dellenger Memorial Golf Tournament held on October 18 at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport.



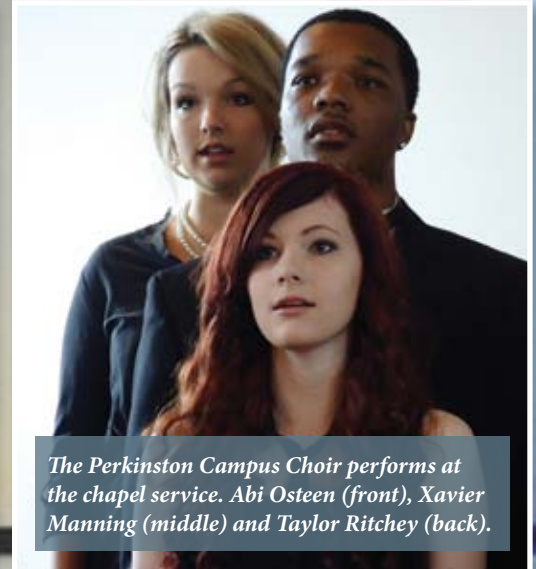
MGCCC inducted the 2013 Homecoming honorees during a special ceremony held October 17 at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi. FROM LEFT: Alumni Hall of Fame honorees Dr. J. Harold Pardue, John M. Hairston and Dr. John H. Mallett.



FRONT FROM LEFT: Wendell Weathers, Athletic Hall of Fame; Randi Kay Bennett, AHOF; Elaine Vogt Ehlers, Bulldog Hall of Honor; Emily LeBlanc Tisdale, AHOF; and Thomas Mitchell "Tommy" Boutwell, AHOF. BACK FROM LEFT: Roger Earl Moore, AHOF; Gene Ganucheau, AHOF; Timothy Edson McCabe Jr., AHOF; Dr. Chris Frigo, Sam Owen Award; Kenny Glavan, Spirit of Gulf Coast Award; and Lowell Harrison "Harry" Roberts Jr., AHOF.



FROM LEFT: Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president; Ken Riley, Perkinston Campus alumnus and pastor at Lebanon Baptist Church in Laurel; and Dr. Jay Allen, Perkinston Campus vice president, at the Gregory War Memorial Chapel Service .



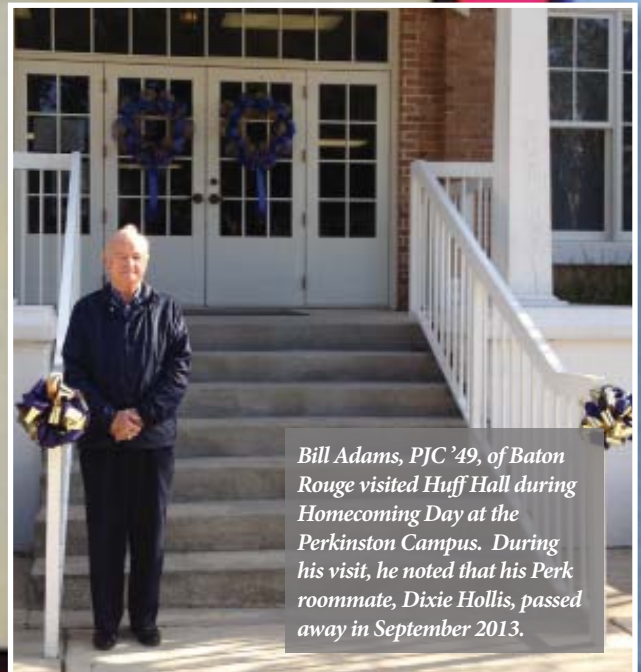
The Perkinston Campus Choir performs at the chapel service. Abi Osteen (front), Xavier Manning (middle) and Taylor Ritchey (back).



The Reflections Reception, celebrating 30 years of the student hospitality group, was held Homecoming morning at Liaison, the president's home. With president Dr. Mary S. Graham (second from right) are, from left, Ta-Taneka Moore, Bridgett King, Kelly Rayburn, Brittney Holley, Roman Ashford, Brandi Martino and Christy Sutherland.



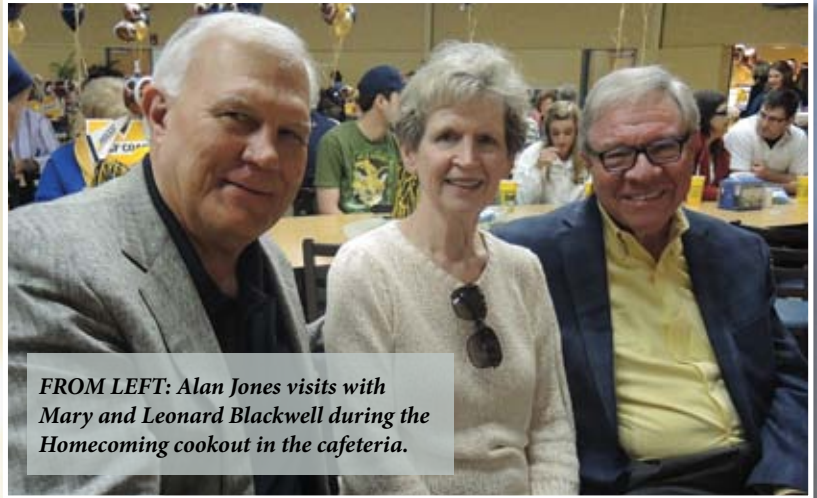
FROM LEFT: River Johnson and her mother, Sarah, a Graphic Design Technology student at the Perkinston Campus, participate in the children's activities held at Malone Hall on Homecoming Day.



Bill Adams, PJC '49, of Baton Rouge visited Huff Hall during Homecoming Day at the Perkinston Campus. During his visit, he noted that his Perk roommate, Dixie Hollis, passed away in September 2013.



The MGCCC Archives welcomed a number of visitors during Homecoming Day. FROM LEFT: Carolyn Spayde, Virginia Sauls, Charles Sullivan and Debbie West.



FROM LEFT: Alan Jones visits with Mary and Leonard Blackwell during the Homecoming cookout in the cafeteria.



Former Reflections Team members visit with Heather Edwards (far left), director of Residence and Student Life at Perk. FROM LEFT: Brittney Holley, Kelly Rayburn, Roman Ashford and Brandi Martino.



MGCCC's mascot, Mac, walks the track, revving up the Homecoming spirit.



The game is on! The Gulf Coast Bulldogs run onto the field and prepare for the Homecoming battle with the Co-Lin Wolves. The Bulldogs won 21-7.



FROM LEFT: Homecoming queens Emily Weathers, Perkinston Campus; Bianca Stewart, Jefferson Davis Campus; and Ryann Breneman, Jackson County Campus.



JEFFERSON DAVIS CAMPUS



PERKINSTON CAMPUS



JACKSON COUNTY CAMPUS

CLOCKWISE, from left: Jefferson Davis Campus maids, from left, Piper Leith, Victoria Green, Bianca Stewart, Anna Lawrence and Danielle Johnson. Perkinston Campus maids, from left, Kaitlyn Benton, Kalyn Burge, Dani Craft, Emily Weathers, Mika Poppenhouse and Tori Fisher. Jackson County Campus maids, from left, Misty Smith, Alana Cadman, Sarah Bayles, Ryann Breneman, Reagan Watkins and Christian Parsley.

Local business and civic leaders join together each year to help raise money through the Bacot McCarty Foundation's annual Jolly McCarty Memorial Golf Classic. This two-day extravaganza has raised more than \$2 million for programs all across South Mississippi, including various programs at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Todd Trenchard is pictured on the front row at center.



Todd Trenchard and the Bacot McCarty Foundation: Making a difference together

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Todd Trenchard, a New Orleans native and a member of the MGCCC Foundation Board of Directors, was in his 40s when he realized that he was well-suited for volunteer work. In fact, his outlook on life changed - he discovered that life is about helping others.

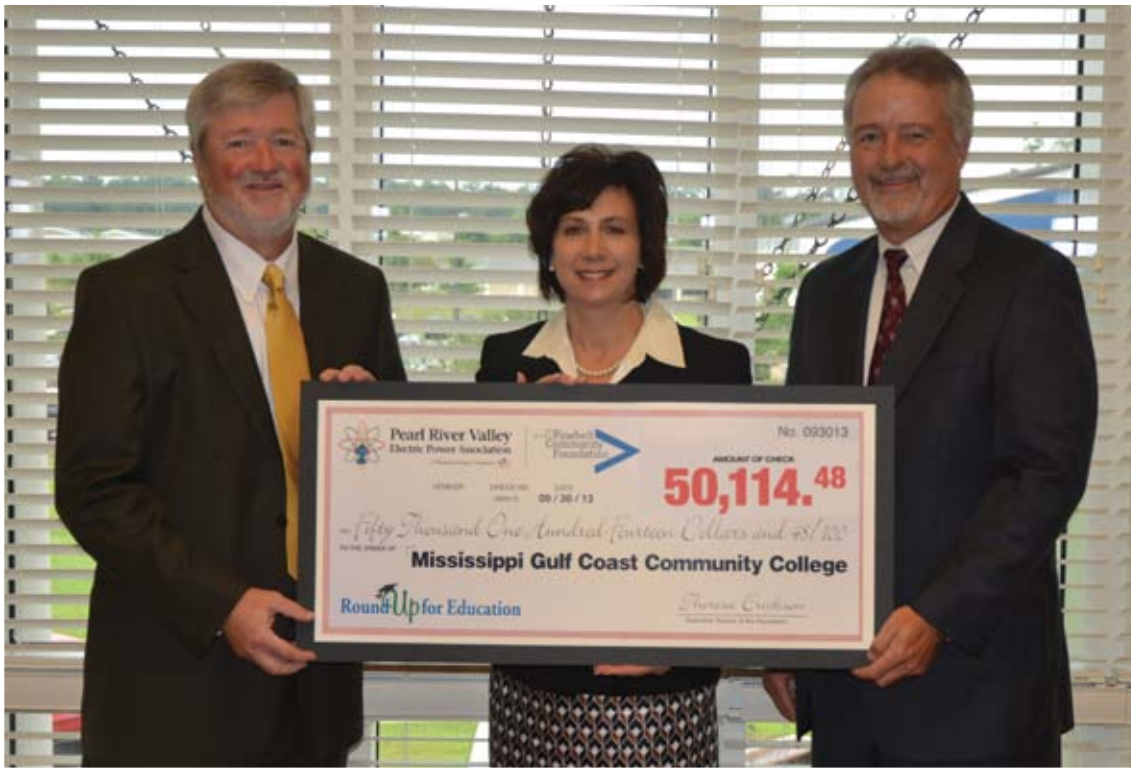
Through his work, which has included being director of Community Relations for the Homes of Grace and Development Director for Youth for Christ, Trenchard met Jolly McCarty, who was on the Board of Directors for the Homes of Grace. Through McCarty, Trenchard met many more people in the community, including Royce Cumbest, president and CEO of Merchants & Marine Bank. "God started opening door after door for me," he says.

Cumbest eventually hired Trenchard to replace McCarty, who had passed away from cancer. Today, he is the bank's senior vice president and Marketing and Business Development director. "I would never have gotten to where I am today if it had not been for Jolly McCarty, Royce Cumbest, Brother Bill Barton, Dave Dennis, Robbie Maxwell and Mike

Dickson. These men are giants, and I am forever grateful to them all," Trenchard says.

When McCarty passed away, Trenchard and Carl Crawford, owner of Shell Landing, planned a memorial for their friend - the Jolly McCarty Memorial Celebrity Golf Classic, now one of the biggest and most anticipated fundraiser events in Jackson County. The Bacot McCarty Foundation, which addresses the needs of youth, education, seniors and the arts across South Mississippi, partners with the IP Casino Resort Spa and Merchants & Marine Bank for the event. Under the direction of Trenchard, millions of dollars have been raised for agencies across the region.

The Bacot McCarty Foundation is also a supporter of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. It contributes to the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Scholarship Gala and the Foundation. Merchants & Marine Bank also sponsors several MGCCC student scholarships. The bank and the Bacot McCarty Foundation also support the college's leadership-development programs.



FROM LEFT: Randy Wallace, Pearl River Valley Electric general manager; Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president; and Kurt Brautigam, manager of member services for Pearl River Valley Electric. Each month, participating members' bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar. Pearl River Valley Electric takes the difference and puts it in a fund designed to help Pearl River Valley Electric members or their children who want to attend a Mississippi community college.

Pearl River Valley EPA's Round Up for Education: Empowering students

Special to Action Magazine

More than 170 students from throughout Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association's 12-county service area have received scholarships of nearly \$1,000 each to attend state community colleges during 2012-2013, thanks to the generous spirit and support of the association's member-consumers. Fifty-two scholarships were awarded to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College students.

The Round Up for Education scholars program is funded by members who round their bills up to the nearest dollar each month, an average of about 50 cents monthly. Scholarships are available to members who round up, as well as for their spouses or dependent children who enroll for their first semester at a Mississippi community college in the fall.

"More than 90 percent of our members are presently enrolled in the programs," says Randy Wallace, Pearl River Valley Electric general manager. "Throughout our history, Pearl River Valley Electric has not only been providing electric service to rural areas, but working to improve the quality of life of our members and the communities where they live. We selected first-year community college students as a starting point to

enhance the program's initial impact. Community colleges are an excellent value and are an ideal place to begin higher education for many of our members."

Pearl River Valley Electric serves more than 47,000 meters. Since the Round Up program began in November 2012, more than \$184,000 has been collected and deposited in an account overseen by the Greater PineBelt Community Foundation. Ten percent of each year's funding will be set aside in an endowed fund for future use. The remaining money is divided equally among the number of eligible participants, resulting in 171 scholarships worth \$963.74 per student this year.

"We are very grateful to Pearl River Valley Electric for this opportunity to help our students succeed," says Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president. "A degree in higher education means a better life for students. Sometimes, they need financial assistance to reach their educational goals. Round Up for Education is helping our students go to college and seize the opportunity for success."

Applications for 2014 scholarships will be available beginning in February.



"Round Up for Education is an exciting new program that we hope will have far-reaching results within the areas we all call home. For many years, we had looked to develop a cooperative effort that would have a positive impact on the lives of virtually all of our members—something that will help create educational opportunities and economic benefits."

*Randy Wallace
Pearl River Valley Electric
General Manager*

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS



The **Perkette Dance Team** visited the South Mississippi Regional Center – Wiggins Community Homes for a football season kickoff celebration on September 5. The dance team held a meet-and-greet with the residents and staff, handing out poms and footballs. Perkette Belita Rojas sang the national anthem, and the team danced to several big-band tunes and performed its halftime feature show.

Wiggins Community Homes, a community residential-services program of the South Mississippi Regional Center, provides for the needs of older persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Three Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College instructors have been chosen to receive the 2013 Mississippi Humanities Council (MHC) Humanities Teacher Awards. **Javier G. Gomez**, Jackson County Campus; **Susan Bosarge**, Jefferson Davis Campus; and **Jason Shows**, Perkinston Campus, each received a cash prize for the honor. Honorees were required to give presentations of their work.

MHC selects honorees annually from each of Mississippi's colleges and universities in the fields of English, history, music, art and philosophy during October, Arts and Humanities Month.

The Mississippi Humanities Council will hold an awards banquet honoring the selected instructors from colleges and universities on February 28, 2014, in Jackson.

Dr. Jonathan Woodward, former dean of Instruction at the Jackson County Campus and new vice president for the campus, and **Lisa Alexander**, secretary for Institutional Relations at District Office, were chosen as 2013 AEOP professionals of the year in October. Woodward was chosen Administrator of the Year, and Alexander was chosen Office Professional of the Year.



Lisa Alexander



Dr. Jonathan Woodward



Ladd Taylor

Woodward and Taylor approved as campus vice presidents

At its December 11 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved **Dr. Jonathan Woodward** to serve as the vice president of the Jefferson Davis Campus, the Naval Construction Battalion Center and the Keesler Center, and **Ladd Taylor**, dean of Athletics at MGCCC, to serve as interim vice president of the Perkinston Campus and the George County Center.

Woodward joined the MGCCC family in 2004. He has worked as director of Choral Activities and as a music instructor at the Jackson County Campus and Fine Arts Department chair at the campus. Most recently, he was the campus dean of Instruction. Prior to coming to MGCCC, he was an educator with the Gulfport School District.

Taylor, the Difference Maker for the Perkinston Campus in 2010, is in his fifth year as dean of Athletics. He has held several different positions while at MGCCC, including Student Activities supervisor, Hayden Hall supervisor and Perkinston Campus director of Admissions and Records. He has served as the chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department since 2009. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in higher education from William Carey University.



MGCCC opens Healthcare Simulation Center at AMTC

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 11 for the Healthcare Simulation Center at the Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Center in Gulfport. More than 100 community partners, students, faculty and staff attended the event. The new center will be the only simulation center with public access on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Part of the master plan for MGCCC's Nursing and Allied Health Division, the center will be available to Nursing and Allied Health students as well as clinical affiliates, community partners and public/private organizations not affiliated with the college. It will contain state-of-the-art simulators designed to help students and practitioners develop preparedness and insight that is best learned and practiced in realistic conditions.

Continuing-education opportunities will also be offered at the center using state-of-the-art health care simulators, and it will provide health care industry personnel the means to achieve recertification and to be up to date on new procedures and skills.

The center will include areas for obstetrics, intensive care, medical/surgical/pediatric and emergency/triage.

MGCCC signs agreement with EPA to promote environmental programs



Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president, with Ben Scaggs, director of the U.S. EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, at the December 5 signing of the MOU between MGCCC and the Gulf of Mexico program.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program administrators signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on December 5 at the Jackson County Campus Estuarine Education Center in Gautier.

The purpose of the MOU is to increase cooperation between MGCCC and the EPA's Gulf Program, including activities promoting equal opportunity in higher education; contributing to the capacity of the Gulf Program to provide high-quality education; encouraging participation of MGCCC students and faculty in the Gulf Program's activities; assisting the Gulf Program in expanding the conversation on environmentalism; working for environmental justice; and stimulating student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

MGCCC and the Gulf Program will work together to enhance environmental education in tandem with promoting interest in restoration and preservation of the Gulf of Mexico. MGCCC students will be offered opportunities for internships and co-ops; research opportunities, such as students monitoring water quality;

Gulf Program staff lectures; and community outreach and engagement, such as educational workshops or meetings.

MGCCC's Estuarine Education Center is home to an expansion of MGCCC's environmental and marine technology programs, with the additions of natural-resource management and outdoor-recreation leadership as associate degree programs, and serves as the focal point for community-based outreach and research-based programs.

The Gulf of Mexico Program was initiated in 1988 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a non-regulatory program. Founded on the threefold principle of partnership, science-based information and citizen involvement, the Gulf Program joined the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay Programs as flagships of the nation's efforts to apply an adaptive management approach to large coastal freshwater and marine ecosystems. By partnering with MGCCC's Estuarine Education Center, the Gulf Program seeks to raise awareness on issues impacting the Gulf of Mexico and the citizens who rely either directly or indirectly on this critical resource.

New locations!

MGCCC adds two new locations to better serve its four-county district

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Ingalls Shipbuilding held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Haley Reeves Barbour Maritime Training Academy located on Jerry St. Pé Avenue in Pascagoula on November 6. The 75,000-square-foot facility will be operated as a partnership between Ingalls and MGCCC for apprenticeship training.

Governor Phil Bryant, speaking about the facility's opening, said, "This training academy will ensure that the next generation of shipbuilders in Mississippi maintains the world-class shipbuilding reputation built right here at Ingalls."

With 400-600 apprentices being trained in 12 different program areas and who are co-enrolled as both students at MGCCC and in the Ingalls Apprenticeship Program, the facility will graduate a significant number of associate degree recipients in Maritime Technology. There are currently 390 apprentices in the programs, with 500 expected by the end of next year.

Apprentices will take two classes each semester tuition-free over the course of their four-year apprenticeship program.

Ingalls will pay the cost of training for these students.

"This academy represents the kind of innovative venture that both MGCCC and Ingalls work to achieve every day, one that will change the lives of many hundreds of Ingalls employees as they strive to not only advance their education but their careers as well," said Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president.

Classes will begin at the facility in January. Over the next few months, an array of student services will be available, including a full-time MGCCC representative to help with enrollment and counseling, a bookstore, and a library.

Funding for the center was provided through a \$25 million post-Katrina discretionary grant from the state. The intent is to provide employability and educational opportunities for residents of South Mississippi and to provide a well-trained workforce for the shipbuilding industry. The apprenticeship program offered as a partnership between Ingalls and MGCCC is a model for success. It has been in place since 1959 and is the oldest apprenticeship program in the state.

Haley Reeves Barbour Maritime Training Academy • Pascagoula

FROM LEFT: Mike Mangum, president of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors; Senator Brice Wiggins, Mississippi District 52; Irwin F. Edenzon, president of Ingalls Shipbuilding; the Honorable Haley Reeves Barbour, 62nd governor of the state of Mississippi; Mike Petters, president and CEO of Huntington Ingalls Industries; Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president; and the Honorable Steven Palazzo, Mississippi's 4th Congressional District.





Nursing and Simulation Center • Tradition

FROM LEFT: Connie Rocko, Harrison County Board of Supervisors District 5; Philip Gumm, Mississippi Speaker of the House; Joe Canizaro, chairman of First Bank and Trust's holding company, First Trust Corporation, and founder, president and CEO of Columbus Properties LP; Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president; and Governor Phil Bryant.

On November 20, MGCCC president Dr. Mary S. Graham, joined by Governor Phil Bryant and other state and local leaders, announced that the college had approved building a new Nursing and Simulation Center at the health care zone located on Hwy. 67 at Tradition. It will be MGCCC's 10th location within its four-county district.

This new complex, once completed, will double the number of nurses who will graduate from MGCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program and will provide an easy transition to both the School of Nursing programs at The University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University through articulation agreements already in place between the institutions.

Funding sources for the complex include \$12 million in Katrina Community Development Block Grant funds (KCDBG funds), a \$1.5 million land donation from Tradition, and \$2 million from MGCCC for the equipment for the complex and other project costs. Tradition will match the KCDBG funds with an additional \$12 million of private funds in housing construction for students of MGCCC and William Carey University, which currently has about 1,000 students on its Tradition campus.

Tradition will donate the rights of way to the county for the roads and utilities to serve MGCCC and student housing. Tradition will also commit to MDA that it will be responsible for causing the Tradition Health Care Industry Zone (created under House Bill 722 in the 2013 Mississippi Legislative Session) to produce a minimum of \$70 million in investments in capital improvements over the next five to 10 years. That time frame is projected to produce 2,500 new, permanent jobs in health care institutions and businesses.

Providing nurses to fill the current and future needs is a key element in making the health care industry viable in the state. A 2009 study shows that for every one new nurse, more than 22 lives are saved annually; there is an increase in worker productivity by \$9,900 per year; \$46,000 is saved annually on medical costs; and an increased productivity attributable to decreased length of stay in hospitals was estimated at \$2,000 annually.

The Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act, administered by the MDA, is a program designed to provide incentives to qualified applicants of new health care related projects within the state of Mississippi. Blueprint Mississippi has a goal of 4,000 new nurses by the year 2016, so this announcement by MGCCC and Tradition is a vital step in meeting that goal.



Joseph C. Canizaro (pictured with Dr. Mary S. Graham at the Tradition event) is a key player in the development of the Nursing and Simulation Center. He is chairman of First Bank and Trust's holding company, First Trust Corporation, and founder, president and CEO of Columbus Properties LP, a commercial real estate development company that has acquired, developed and/or managed office buildings, mixed-use projects, and land and residential projects throughout the southeastern and southwestern United States.

Raised in Biloxi until moving to New Orleans in 1964, Canizaro is a trustee and former chairman of the Urban Land Institute and has served on the Advisory Committee on Real Estate Development of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. In addition, he is a member of the Business Council of New Orleans and the Tulane University President's Council and founder and co-chairman of the Committee for a Better New Orleans.

His wife, **Sue Ellen (Mattina)**, was a Perkette at Perkinson Junior College. In 2008, she was named to the MGCCC Bulldog Hall of Honor.

SPORTS



Accepting the Halbrook Award are, from left, Dr. Jay Allen, Perkinston Campus vice president; Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president; and Ladd Taylor, interim vice president of the Perkinston Campus.

MGCCC wins Halbrook Award for second year

MGCCC takes top spot in state with 98 percent graduation rate for athletes

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College has been named the winner of the annual Halbrook Award for having the highest graduation rate among all of Mississippi's community college athletic programs. The college was presented the award on October 22 during the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities Conference (MAC) at Hinds Community College's Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond.

MGCCC, which has more than 200 student-athletes, produced a graduation rate of 98 percent for the 2012-2013 school year.

Two MGCCC athletes were also recognized for having the highest averages for athletics at MGCCC during the 2012-2013 school year. Softball player Julie Butler and baseball player Michael Gilbert were recognized along with 28 other community college students. Students from public and

independent colleges and universities were also recognized.

The Halbrook Award was established in 1984 by the state Legislature and was set up to recognize colleges that achieve high academic standards and to encourage high graduation rates. For the past two years, MGCCC has maintained a 98 percent graduation rate for student athletes and has held the top ranking for the state's 15 two-year colleges both years.

"This award is a real tribute to our student-athletes and what they are able to accomplish on and off the field," says Dr. Mary S. Graham, MGCCC president. "It is a reflection of the commitment our coaches and assistant coaches have to education as well as the dedication of our faculty members who strive to provide these athletes the opportunity for success in the classroom."

Bulldog teams hit the courts, ready for postholiday action

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College scored 11 points late in the second half and held Southwest scoreless for more than five minutes in a 78-70 MACJC South Division victory on December 9 in Summit.

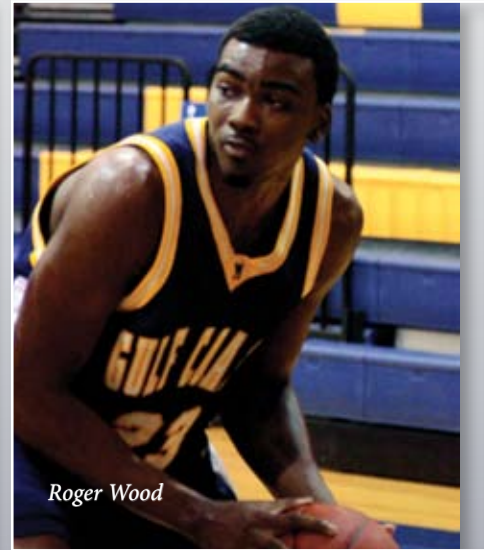
The Bulldogs (8-2, 2-0) got 23 points from Roger Woods, his third-straight game with 20 or more points. Chris Bilbo had 18, while Rashad Perkins added 12. Gulf Coast has won eight out of its first 10 games despite returning only one starter from the 2012-13 squad.

The Lady Bulldogs (4-6, 1-1) opened MACJC South Division play on December 2 with a 63-58 win over South Division power Co-Lin, the first win by Gulf Coast over the Lady Wolves since 2008. The Lady Bulldogs are also in transition after losing five starters from the 2012-13 team that reached the Region 23 semi-finals.

After the Christmas break, both teams resume play on January 9 against Delgado.



DeNesha Dillard



Roger Wood

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Jan. 9	Thu	Delgado CC	Perkinston	5:15/7:15 pm
Jan. 13	Mon	Pearl River CC	Poplarville	5/7 pm
Jan. 16	Thu	East Central CC	Perkinston	5:30/7:30 pm
Jan. 21	Tue	Jones County JC	Ellisville	5:30/7:30 pm
Jan. 23	Thu	Meridian CC	Meridian	5:30/7:30 pm
Jan. 27	Mon	Hinds CC	Perkinston	5:30/7:30 pm
Jan. 30	Thu	Copiah-Lincoln CC	Wesson	6/8 pm
Feb. 3	Mon	Southwest Miss. CC	Perkinston	5:30/7:30 pm
Feb. 6	Thu	Pearl River CC	Perkinston	5:30/7:30 pm
Feb. 10	Mon	East Central CC	Decatur	6/8 pm
Feb. 13	Thu	Jones County C	Perkinston	5:30/7:30 pm
Feb. 17	Mon	Meridian CC	Perkinston	5:30/7:30 pm
Feb. 20	Thu	Hinds CC	Utica	6/8 pm
Feb. 24-27	Mon-Thu	MACJC	North-Men	TBA
Mar. 5-8	Wed-Sat	NJCAA Region 23 Tournament	Miss. College	TBA

**Catch
South Division
basketball
action in 2014!
Go, Bulldogs!**

Golf team ready for spring action, two players commit to four-year colleges

Faulkner St Community College shot rounds of 285-297—582 and cruised to a 12-shot victory over Rend Lake Community College (Illinois) in the MGCCC Fall Invitational Golf Tournament held this fall at Windance Country Club.

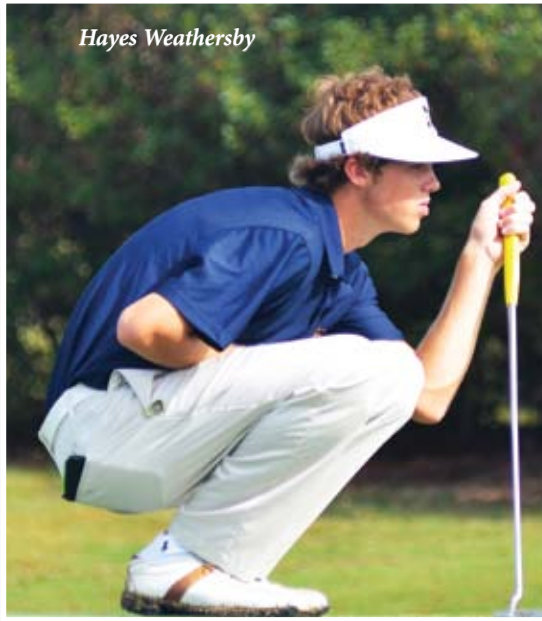
Bulldog golfer Hayes Weathersby won his third-straight individual title. Darton State College (Georgia) finished with a 597 total to capture third, followed by Gulf Coast 599, University of Mobile 604, Andrew College (Georgia) 606, Central Alabama 607, Meridian 610, Spring Hill 611, Belhaven 615, Spring Hill (B) 622, Copiah Lincoln 632, William Carey 635, MGCCC (B) 649, Loyola New Orleans 654, East Central 662 and Georgia Military College 663.

Weathersby fired a 4-under 68 in the final round for a 139 total, two shots better than CACC's Tim Walker 71-70—144. He made his lone bogey on the 210-yard second hole after his approach rolled off the back of the green.

Rounding out the scoring for Gulf Coast were Gabe Ahlers 152, Jake Pritchard 153, Fant Carpenter 155 and Danny De Los Santos 158.

Gulf Coast wrapped up the regular fall season on October 29 with the fourth-place finish and will begin conference play February 2-3, 2014, at Great Southern Golf Club. The team is looking for its seventh straight NJCAA Region 23 title.

Weathersby, of Poplarville, will sign with The University of Southern Mississippi while Pritchard has committed to Louisiana Tech. Pritchard, a sophomore from Angie, Louisiana, was a 2013 NJCAA Second Team All-American and was also named to the 2013 All-Region 23 squad and was an All-MACJC First Team honoree.



Hayes Weathersby



Jake Pritchard

Fall Tennis Action

On November 6, the men's team fell 7-2 to Faulkner, with the doubles team of Bobby Vo and Tyler Youngblood winning 8-3 and Josh Johnson teaming with DeAngelo Vaxter, taking their doubles match 8-4.

The Lady Bulldogs got by Faulkner 5-4 behind the play of sophomore Aliesha Barlow and freshman Ana Pol, who both earned victories in singles and doubles.

Sophomores Brittney Buker and Anneisia Johnson also picked up wins for Gulf Coast.

A week later, Gulf Coast traveled to play Faulkner State, where the men fell 8-1, with Vo winning his singles match. The Lady Bulldogs dropped Faulkner again 6-3, with Christa Owen, Kit Chowdhary and Pol taking singles victories, and the teams of Owen/Chowdhary, Buker/Tori Rose and Barlow/Johnson winning in doubles.

"We're a young team, but we must stay focused and develop more patience and discipline. The fall season is a great opportunity for these players to develop," says coach Gary Bourgeois.



MGCCC's Bobby Vo looks on as doubles partner Tyler Youngblood returns a shot against Faulkner State on November 13 in Wiggins.



Antwon Wells



Cavellis Luckett



Craig Frigo



Dhaquille Williams



Jonathan Steube



Josh Keys



Justin Evans



Kevin Phillips



Marlon Pope



Trey Wafford

Bulldog football players receive post-season honors

Ten Bulldog football players have earned state and regional accolades for their work on the gridiron in 2013.

Bulldog wide receiver Dhaquille Williams, offensive lineman Craig Frigo and running back Antwon Wells made the 2013 All-Region 23 and All-MACJC First Team squads. Linebacker Cavellis Luckett and defensive back Josh Keys are All-Region 23 and All-MACJC First Teamers on defense.

Williams, an Auburn commitment, caught 52 passes for 733 yards and nine touchdowns in 2013. Frigo helped anchor the Bulldog rushing attack, which averaged 300 yards per game. In 2013, Wells led the MACJC in rushing with 846 yards and 13 TDs.

Luckett made 70 tackles for the Gulf Coast defense in 2013 and had two sacks and a pass break-up. Keys intercepted two passes while patrolling in the secondary.

The All-MACJC Second Team squad features Gulf Coast tight end Marlon Pope, offensive lineman Jonathan Steube, punter Kevin Phillips on offense, linebacker Trey Wafford and defensive back Justin Evans on defense.

In 2013, Gulf Coast made a record-setting seventh-straight trip to the MACJC playoffs and finished the season with an 8-2 record.

MGCCC football No. 9 in final NJCAA poll

For the eighth straight season, Gulf Coast has finished the year ranked in the NJCAA'S final top-10 football poll, coming in at No. 9. It's also the ninth-straight year Gulf Coast has finished in the NJCAA'S top 15 and the record 115th straight week the Bulldogs have been nationally ranked. That streak dates all the way back to September 2005. At the end of that season, Gulf Coast finished the season ranked No. 13. Since then, Gulf Coast has won an NJCAA national title, three MACJC championships and five MACJC South Division crowns, including three straight from 2007-2009.

In 2013, Gulf Coast began the season ranked No. 1 and stayed there for three weeks, went 8-2, and made a record seventh-straight trip to the MACJC playoffs. The Bulldogs also had 10 players earn All-MACJC and All-Region 23 honors.

MGCCC Football/Top 10 NJCAA Final Rankings

2006: No. 8

2007: No. 1

(NJCAA Co-National Champions)

2008: No. 4

2009: No. 8

2010: No. 3

2011: No. 6

2012: No. 6

2013: No. 9



Dani Craft

Soccer season ends, Dani Craft named MVP

The men's soccer team ended the season with a 10-6-1 record, losing to Hinds in the MACJC quarterfinals on October 30 in Perkinston.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced to the MACJC Soccer Tournament for the first time since 2011 after a 3-1 win over Holmes in the MACJC quarterfinals on October 29.

The Lady Bulldogs (8-6-1) got a first half goal from Kelly Sambenedetto to lead 1-0 at halftime. Holmes tied the game midway through the second half, but Gulf Coast surged in front behind goals from Ashley King and Teanna Culbertson.

Four days later, Gulf Coast fell to Jones 6-0 in the MACJC Tournament. Sophomores Dani Craft and Brianna Medina represented the Lady Bulldogs in the MACJC All-Star soccer game on November 18 in Ridgeland, where Craft earned MVP honors.

ABOVE LEFT: Dani Craft, MVP in the MACJC All-Star game.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sam Fountain (#18) flies past two Hinds defenders on October 30.



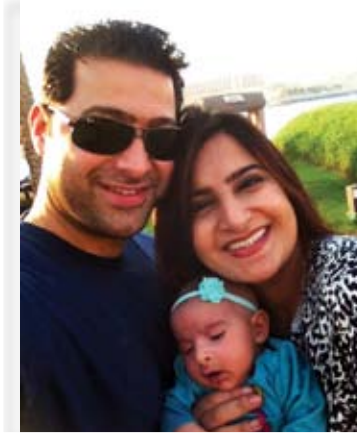
ALUMNI NEWS



Rise Rominger Edwards, PC '95, received the Biloxi Elementary Teacher of the Year Award in April 2013. The award was presented by the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce. Edwards teaches fifth grade at North Bay Elementary in Biloxi. She is pictured here with her family, daughters Kenzi and Aubrie, husband Jason, and daughter Bailee.



Savannah Fryfogle Pestke, center with daughter Emily, enjoy the Perk Players Touring performance on November 7 in Malone Hall at the Perkinston Campus. Savannah, former Perk Player and 2004 Perkinston Campus graduate, was known as the Picture This girl in the "Picture This" MGCCC ad campaign in the early 2000s. A Wiggins native, she and her family were visiting America to further their church mission and visit family and friends. Savannah; her husband, Kevin, a minister; and their daughters, Analiese and Emily, live in Chipata, Zambia, Southern Africa.



Yasir Bhatti, JCC '02, works with Cummins in Dubai as sales and marketing director for the Middle East. He and his wife, Shanila, welcomed their daughter, Zunairah, on August 27, 2013. Bhatti finished his undergraduate degree at The University of Southern Mississippi in 2005. He then began working for Cummins Inc., which sponsored his master's degree in business administration from the IU School of Business. His current assignment with Cummins is a three-year international assignment.

Tracy Bennett Bishop, who has a business degree but returned to school to take pottery classes at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, owns Blue Crab Pottery on the Coast. She is a regular exhibitor at the Peter Anderson Arts and Crafts Festival in Ocean Springs. Her work can also be viewed at the Biloxi Visitors Center. She and husband John and son Carson live in Gulfport.

June Ward, PC, has been named the Honored Artist of the Year by the Mississippi State Commission of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Ward, a native of Perkinston, is also a graduate of the University of St. Thomas in Houston. She is married to Philip Ward, a real-estate developer. Founded in 1987, NMWA is the only major museum in the world solely dedicated to recognizing women's creative contributions. It is located in Washington, D.C.

Joy Davis Herndon recently received her official license from the Mississippi State Board of Funeral Service. She is a 2012 graduate of the Funeral Services Technology program at the Perkinston Campus. Herndon also holds degrees from Jones County Junior College, Mississippi State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of South Alabama. She is employed at Heritage Funeral Homes in Moss Point.

Gay Lynn Denmark, who graduated in 2005 from MGCCC with an associate degree in nursing, was named July Employee of the Month by Singing River Health System. She is a registered nurse with Ocean Springs Hospital's Regional Cancer Center.

Artwork by **Jeri Hardy**, who attended MGCCC after retirement, and fellow artist Etienne Melcher was featured in the "Pots and Paint Exhibit" at the Art House in Ocean Springs. The Art House is a nonprofit co-op featuring the works of 23 artists who are members of the Ocean Springs Art Association.



In our mailbox...

"What a (Homecoming) weekend for us. My husband sends personal regards and appreciation for the heartwarming reception we received. He indicated these were memories of a lifetime. The work you put into this event didn't go unnoticed. We are in awe of your energy level. Thank you & God bless you!"

Tommy & Ginger Boutwell

LEFT: Tommy Boutwell, 2013 inductee into the Athletic Hall of Fame, and Jenifer Freridge, director of Foundation and Alumni.

ALUMNI NEWS



Steve Renfroe, a lifelong Moss Point resident and an MGCCC alumnus, was named public service commissioner by Governor Phil Bryant on September 3. He will serve out the unexpired term of Leonard Bentz, who resigned from the position in August to become head of the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District.

Renfroe retired in 2011 after 35 years at the Chevron Refinery in Pascagoula, where he worked as an environmental specialist and then later as a public affairs manager. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mississippi College. He began his career as a math instructor in the Moss Point School District.

The Public Service Commission regulates electric, gas, water and sewer utilities; regulates telecommunications; and hears and investigates complaints regarding public utilities. The commission consists of one member elected from each of Mississippi's three Supreme Court districts.

On September 10, 2013, **Leonard Fuller**, PJC '55, participated in the unveiling of the plaque marking Gautier Elementary School's designation on the National Register of Historic Places. Fuller, chair of the Gautier Historic Preservation Commission, attended the elementary school in the 1940s and was principal at the school from 1978 until his retirement in 1988. He says that the school has served continuously since it opened in 1941, with the exception of two years after Hurricane Katrina. Thanks to this new designation, the school, which already boasts a state marker from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, now qualifies for federal historical grants.



A 1953 alumnus of Perkinston Junior College, **Charles "Dinky" Evans** (pictured above in the 1953 Perkolator as football captain, along with co-captain Charlie Branch), was inducted into the 2013 class of the Mississippi State University Sports Hall of Fame during pregame festivities of the September 12 MSU-Troy game. Evans was a two-year letterman (1953-54) for the MSU Bulldogs. He earned the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the best blocker in the Southeastern Conference in 1954. MSU reports that many believed him to be the best blocker in the entire country that season, when he played for first-year MSU coach Darrell Royal. He was named honorable mention All-SEC both of his seasons at MSU and was chosen to participate in the Senior Bowl in 1954.





Dr. Bill (Billy Ray) Gregg graduated from Perkinston Junior College in 1950. That year, he was voted Most Intellectual, was president of Phi Theta Kappa, was a Duke in the Royal Court of the Annual Ball, was a member of the Agriculture Club and International Relations Club, and was a columnist for the Bulldog Barks newspaper. Now a Starkville resident and retired Mississippi State University professor, he recently shared with the Alumni Office his memories of Perk.

After Perk...

- Attended Mississippi State University and Washington State University
- Received a doctorate in agronomy-seed from MSU
- Retired from MSU as professor of Agronomy-Seed Technology
- Formerly a widely known international consultant, specializing in developing, organizing and managing efficient seed programs, government seed activities, and private-sector companies
- Worked in some 90 countries as a specialist-adviser and consultant
- Served as manager of Washington State University's Foundation Seed Program; Alabama Seed Extension specialist; and manager of the Alabama Seed Certification Agency

Perkinston Junior College and Why It Mattered to Me

I will always have a soft spot in my heart for "Perk." It was the place of my transition from life on a small family farm to "the real world." It formed my character and direction, and affected where I went in life and how I went there.

The faculty had the capability of making students feel as if they were important and really mattered. It has been many years since I was a student at Perk, but I will never forget some of the Perk faculty members who were so important to me.

Mr. J.V. Gammage, agriculture teacher, farm manager and campus-grounds supervisor, contacted me my senior year in high school and invited me to attend Perk. He knew I had no money and offered me a full-time summer job and a part-time winter job to help pay my costs. He even helped guide me toward my career after I left Perk. He introduced us to E.B. Colmer, dean of Agriculture at (then) Mississippi State College, when he visited Perk. When I completed military service, Dean Colmer invited me to come to MSC and study. Dean Colmer and Dr. Louis Wise of MSC practically railroaded me into the Seed Technology major; this was the best and most important decision ever made for me! My career in seed-industry development has been more than a job; it has been a fascination and an over-riding interest.

At Perk, Ms. Susie Cooley and Ms. Frances Harrell taught English. They helped me get involved in the campus student newspaper. Their teachings were very important to me. During my professional career, I have published several hundred articles, papers and books, and this early training was most important.

One person to whom I shall always owe a debt is Professor K.P. Faust, who taught chemistry but helped me develop useful study habits. In high school, I made straight As without studying. My first test at Perk was in chemistry — my work was so poor that he didn't even mark a grade on it. He wrote on it, "Come see me." On his own time, Professor Faust taught me how to study and organize my time and studies. His guidance was effective — I went from the very bottom to a graduate with honors at Mississippi State and ranked No. 5 in a class of 511, even though I worked almost full time as I studied.

At Perk, I worked on the campus grounds year round. Next to the president's home, there was a rose garden for which I cared. The president, Albert L. May, always brought me iced tea and talked with me when I worked in the rose garden. Even as president, he knew many students and could greet them by name.

Mr. Tom Gibson handled the college's finances. He was often out and about and willing to talk and give encouragement. Mr. Leonard Blackwell and his family lived in our dormitory, and daily he checked on us and ensured that we were there, studying and going to bed. Mrs. Johnson ran the college cafeteria. When the work on the farm kept me late, she left a tray for me inside the back door of the kitchen. I also spent a lot of time working the dishwasher in the cafeteria.

How do I still remember these Perk people and how they helped me? Simply put, they taught me not only academics, but they also taught me about life and people.



*Floye O'Neal and Gregg - Most Intellectual
1950*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Elizabeth Ann “Beth” Arguelles McCarty, president/owner of The McCarty Group, died on June 5, 2013. McCarty, who attended the college, had recently moved her business to operate out of Ocean Springs and New Orleans. Well-known for her volunteer work with nonprofits, she loved to travel. The McCarty Group specializes in group travel and special events.

Ann-Marie Mashburn Cornett, JDC '97, of Gulfport died on June 20, 2013. She worked for many years for the Harrison County Sheriff's Department and the Mississippi Department of Corrections, all the while attending the Jefferson Davis Campus as a nursing student. She became a registered nurse in 1997.

Lillian Margaret Wright Anderson, PJC, of Gulfport died on June 16, 2013. She also attended The University of Southern Mississippi, where she majored in elementary education. During World War II, she worked at Gulfport Field. Later in life, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of playing the piano, and at age 49, she began playing tennis. She played for more than 20 years.

Derek Joseph Chatagnier, JDC, died on July 6, 2013, in Glendale, Arizona. A lifelong resident of the Coast until his move to Arizona, he was an avid fisherman who also loved to sing, write songs and play the guitar.

Elda “Midge” Sherrill died on July 12, 2013, in Nashville. She graduated from MGCCC as an LPN and also from Nashville State Community College with an associate degree in general education.

Gary “Kelly” Brown Jr. of Vancleave died on July 31, 2013, in New Orleans. He was a graduate of MGCCC's Electric Lineman program. Also a volunteer fireman, he was employed with Chain Electric as a lineman in New Orleans.

John Albert McIntyre, Keesler '03, died on August 1, 2013, in Pascagoula. An avid gardener and family man, he was employed at Ingalls Shipbuilding for more than 32 years in the Pipefitting Department, working in such capacities as pipefitter, pipe supervisor and pipe forman.

Julia Cook Guice, PJC '47, died on August 5, 2013, in D'Iberville. In 1961, she became the first Civil Defense director of Biloxi, a position she held until her retirement in 1982. The city's Emergency Operations Center, which was Guice's headquarters before, during and after Hurricane Camille in 1969, bears her name.

Robert “Bobby” Poole of Ocean Springs, JCC '82, died on August 17, 2013. At the Jackson County Campus, he was editor of the campus newspaper.

Pamela Gaye McNeil Martin of Vancleave died on August 26, 2013. She was an adjunct English instructor at the Jackson County Campus. She also worked as youth director at Gautier Presbyterian Church and taught English and drama at Gautier High School.

Karol KB Annette Bolton, JDC, of Gulfport died on September 7, 2013. An employee at Cinemark Movie Theatre and a graduate of Harrison Central High School, she was attending the Jefferson Davis Campus at the time of her death.

Billy Ray Quave, PJC '55, died on September 14, 2013. After Perk, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from The University of Southern Mississippi, along with a master's degree in political science. An Army veteran, he worked at The Daily Herald newspaper until he retired as assistant city editor in 1983.

Pascagoula native **Hermes Gautier Hague**, PJC '43, died on September 28, 2013. After Perk, he attended Kings Point Merchant Marines Academy in New York in 1943. After World War II, he completed his college degree at USM. He worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 41 years. An avid water sportsman, he owned the commercial fishing boat Arthur J. Roth.

Elise Day Cruthirds Hutto, PJC '53, died on October 13, 2013, in Gretna, Louisiana.

Mary Cynthia Locke Blair, PJC '52, died on November 13, 2013, in Vancleave. At PJC, she was freshman Homecoming maid, 1952 queen of the Annual Coronation Ball, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Wesley Club, and was vice president of the Future Teachers of America and secretary of the Christian Council. Her husband, Dr. Victor J. Blair, was a member of the PJC 1948 national-champion football team. Their daughter, Sylvia Davis, is an alumna of the college and is secretary for Athletics at MGCCC. Their granddaughter Amanda Morgan (Davis's daughter) of Houma, Louisiana, is also an alumna.

Mike Lee, who worked in MGCCC District Printing for 10 years, died on November 30, 2013.

To submit information for In Remembrance, email jenifer.freridge@mgccc.edu, or mail to Alumni Office, P.O. Box 99, Perkinston, MS 39573-0099. Be sure to include the loved one's date of death, year of attendance or graduation from MGCCC, and the MGCCC location that he or she attended. Questions? Please call 601-928-6288. Thank you.

Funds and Scholarships... Thank You

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A milkhand's letter discovered in Perk Dairy Barn

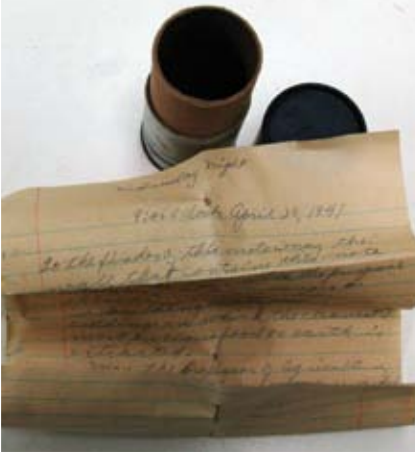
At 9:45 p.m. on April 29, 1941, Perkinson Junior College student Charles Earl "C.E." Murphy wrote a letter. He placed the letter in a canister and inserted it into a wall of the concrete-block Dairy Barn, which was completed that same year. The canister was found on December 6, 2013, by a construction worker and was promptly delivered to the MGCCC Archives by Jason Breland, MGCCC construction manager.

Murphy, a Vancleave native who died on January 19, 2013, entered Perkinson Junior College on September 10, 1940, and graduated with special honors on June 1, 1942. He was "a milkhand" at Perk, and he was obviously proud of his professor and the brand-new barn. It was a promising time at Perk, but for the world, there was darkness on the horizon in the form of World War II.

"Murphy did not know how prophetic his reference to Germany (in the letter) would be," says Charles Sullivan, MGCCC archivist. "He was on one of 5,000 ships that took part in the greatest amphibious assault in history: D-Day, June 6, 1944." Murphy's son, Kenneth, told Sullivan that his father was a machine gunner. He was the recipient of a purple heart and an oak leaf cluster. (A purple heart with an oak leaf cluster indicates twice wounded.)

Murphy graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in entomology and retired from the Louisiana State Department of Agriculture with 30 years of service.

The letter and the canister in which it was found, December 6, 2013.



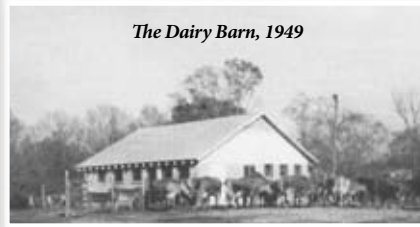
Transcript of The Milkhand's Letter:

"To the finder of this note: May the wall that contains this note be destructed only with the purpose of building the barn larger or getting rid of the partition altogether for a betterment of the plan of the structure. May this barn be a model structure for other dairymen to follow suit in building clean, neat, sanitary buildings in which the cleanest most precious food on earth is extracted.

"May the Professor of Agriculture, Mr. F. O. Parsons, be generously rewarded (by profits and a wonderful exhibition of his skill as an able and efficient manager) for the tireless efforts that he has put forth in the construction of this modern building.

"I hope that when there is reason for this note to be discovered that Mr. Parsons will be retired from active service, that this school will have become a Senior College, that I may be a prominent citizen of the United States and that Germany will have ceased to exist as a distrustful nation."

A Milkhand—1940-41
C. E. Murphy



The Dairy Barn, 1949

The Yellow Brick Project

Tradition Meets Innovation

Phase I of the Yellow Brick Project is The Dairy Barn. Your donations will help renovate this historic yellow brick barn located at the Perkinson Campus. The Dairy Barn will be utilized to promote a creative economy through community arts-based projects and programming. It will provide a place for students of all ages to experience the arts through classes, performances, exhibits, and workshops that promote creativity and celebrate our community. Floor plans include creative spaces for exhibitions and meetings, a working studio space with a glass and ceramic kiln room, storage, a kitchen, an office and restrooms.



History of The Dairy Barn

In 1941, a small concrete block dairy barn was built to sell surplus milk to soldiers at Camp Shelby. Construction continued in January 1953 to include a Malvern tile storeroom and pasteurizing plant. Milk processing ceased operation in 1959. The building was then converted into an Agriculture classroom. In late 1968, it became the headquarters for the MGCCC Maintenance Department, and in 2000, the building served as the Engineering Building, Computer Service Center, and a storage facility.

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Jenifer Freridge
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Message from Alumni Relations

I offer a special thanks to those of you who supported and attended the 2013 Homecoming celebration. It was wonderful to see Reflections alumni join President Dr. Mary S. Graham for a breakfast celebration at Liaison and then at the beautiful chapel service. The smiling faces of those who returned to the campus for the first time in many years set the tone for a fun-filled day of activities and celebration.

As the holiday season approaches, I hope that you will take time to enjoy family and friends and to remember your alma mater. We encourage you to consider donating to the MGCCC Foundation, which directly benefits college programs and scholarships.

Have a happy and safe holiday, and we'll see you next year!

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