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JANICE HOLLINGSWORTH

Janice Hollingsworth of Eupora is a graduate of Ackerman High School and is a public relations major at Wood Junior College. At Wood she is editor of The Breeze, the student newspaper; a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; a Student Government Association Senator; a member of Ambassadors, the student public relations group; volunteer for the campus horsemanship program; and member of Pine Torch, the campus annual.

Hollingsworth has served as a Girl Scout leader and neighborhood chairman. She also obtained a Red Cross first aid instructor's license through the Scouts. She has served as a member of The Prairie Council Board of Directors.

She is a former employee of Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service with a license to teach hunter education safety classes and archery. Presently, she works at the family-owned businesses, Sunflower Food Store and Ackerman Laundry, in Ackerman.

She is married to Robert Hollingsworth, and they have two children and one grandson. She and her family attend the Baptist church.

PATRICIA CURRY SHAW

Patricia Curry Shaw of Eupora has been an instructor of mathematics and computer science at Wood Junior College since 1984. While at Wood, she has served as faculty chair.

Shaw is an alumna of Wood Junior College and received a B.S. and M.Ed. from Mississippi State University. She has done advanced study in mathematics and is working on an M.A. in computer science. Before her employment at Wood, Shaw taught in the Webster County School System where she received the STAR Teacher Award.

She is a member of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. She has worked with a number of public service organizations including the Junior Auxiliary, Twentieth Century Club, and Garden Club of America.

Shaw is a member of First Baptist Church of Eupora where she teaches Sunday School. She is married to Charles R. Shaw, Jr., and they have three sons, Scott, Jay and Patrick Curry.
TRACY LYNN LEONARD

Tracy Lynn Leonard of Grand Bay, Alabama, is a junior at William Carey College majoring in English and history with a minor in communications. Leonard is president of the Student Government Association in which she has previously served as freshman representative and secretary. She has also served as editor-in-chief of the COBBLER, the student newspaper. She is a member of the Baptist Student Union and its ministry team, Gamma Chi social club, Lambda Iota Tau, and Alpha Chi. She works with the Student Foundation in the Office of Community Relations. Leonard has been selected class favorite, campus beauty, and homecoming maid. She is the recipient of a Presidential honors scholarship and is a member of the honors program.

She was salutatorian of the Class of 1988 at Mobile County High School. During high school, she served as captain of the Scholar Bowl team, president of the Beta Club, and representative to the Student Council. She also was a participant in the Mobile County Junior Miss program.

After graduating from William Carey College, Leonard hopes to attend Cambridge University in England and study international relations.

She attends South 28th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg and is active in their college program. Leonard is the daughter of Fred and Madelyn Leonard of Grand Bay, Alabama.

MYRON C. NOONKESTER

Born in Hattiesburg in 1957, Myron C. Noonkester was an Angier B. Duke Scholar at Duke University and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. He has also studied at New College, Oxford and the Institute of Historical Research in London.

For the past six years he has taught history at William Carey College. During this time he has served as president of the Hattiesburg Concert Association and is currently on the board of directors of the Hattiesburg Area Historical Society. His articles have appeared or will appear in Harvard Theological Review, Historical Research, and Notes and Queries. He is currently completing a book on English sheriffs.
Rick Free grew up in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he learned basic Christian values and life goals. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1974 and graduated first in his class from technical school as a torpedoman. Upon leaving the Navy in 1976, Free returned to Dallas, Texas. In 1978, he entered Wesley College as a freshman. After two semesters he left Wesley College and returned to Dallas. He held several jobs and attended technical school, training in seven areas of communication.

In 1986, he moved to Jackson and joined Asbury Congregational Methodist Church. There he met and married Melissa Dawn Reinhardt on April 11, 1987. They were called into full-time missionary service and entered Wesley College in the fall of 1987.

Presently, both Free and his wife are seniors at Wesley College and are under preliminary appointment by the Congregational Methodist Church as missionaries. After graduation their goal is to serve the Lord on the Mexican border as preacher, teacher, and support workers under the auspices of the General Mission Department of the Congregational Methodist Church.

Free is the eldest son of Congregational Methodist ministers.

Roman J. Miller of Florence served as president of Wesley College from 1984 to 1988. He has served as vice-president of Wesley College since 1988 and has been an instructor from 1980 to 1990, teaching Bible, theology, and pastoral studies.

His degrees include an A.B. in biblical literature from Bethel College in Indiana and an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.
BRIAN PENNINGTON

Brian Pennington of Meridian is a graduate of the University of Denver with a major in electrical engineering. After serving a number of years in the aerospace industry, most recently with Boeing Aircraft Corporation, he responded to a call to ministry in 1988. He is presently pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Suquilaena.

Pennington is completing his second year of the three-year master of divinity program. His excellence as a student is demonstrated by his cumulative grade point average of 3.68. The faculty unanimously acknowledge that he produces thorough, beautiful, and comprehensive work in his seminary studies.

During the fall of 1990, he participated extensively in establishing the Dwight and Esther Carter Pennington Memorial Bible Research Computer Center at the seminary. This center, in memory of his parents, makes available to the faculty and students a wide variety of computer software for Bible research.

Pennington and his wife, Laurie, have four children.

GARETH COCKERILL

Gareth Cockerill of Clinton is a native of Virginia. He is professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology at Wesley Biblical Seminary. He is completing his ninth year of teaching at the seminary. During four of those years, he served as academic dean.

Cockerill earned a bachelor of arts degree from Central Wesleyan College and a master of divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. His advanced masters degree and Ph.D. are from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He is an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church.

He, along with his wife, Rosa, and their three daughters, served nine years as Wesleyan missionaries in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He has recently completed work as the New Testament editor of the Wesley Bible, a study Bible with explanatory notes published by Thomas Nelson Publishers. In the spring of 1990, Cockerill was awarded a research grant in globalization theological education by the Association of Theological Schools.
SHERI LYN GOLDEN

Sheri Lyn Golden is a senior international studies major from Forrest County. She possesses an overall grade point average of 3.97 with an emphasis within her major in European relations and academic minors in general business and French.

Golden was one of twenty-five students in the nation selected for the prestigious Leadership America, a national summer leadership training program. She has served student government at USM as director of student relations, director of environmental concerns, and as a member of the judicial board. Her honors include ODK, Lambda Sigma, Outstanding Freshman Women, Phi Tau Chi religious honorary president, and president of the Golden Key Leadership Society. Golden has served as United Way student chairperson and has served Delta Delta Delta sorority in seven major offices. She is a four-year member and captain of the Dixie Darlings, was crowned Student Body homecoming maid, and is a member of USM's student recruitment team, Southern Style.

A graduate of North Forrest High School, she is the daughter of James E. and Donna Golden.

FRANCES A. KARNES

Frances A. Karnes of Hattiesburg is director of the Center for Gifted Studies and a professor in the Department of Special Education. She earned her Ph.D. in education from the University of Illinois in 1973. At that time she joined the faculty at USM. Quincy College awarded her an honorary doctorate of education. She is the co-author of seven books in education, of which six are in gifted education. She has authored or co-authored over one hundred professional articles published in scholarly journals. She regularly presents papers at state, national and international conferences.

Since 1979, Karnes has directed the Center for Gifted Studies through which she developed and directed seven annual programs for gifted elementary and secondary school youth, their parents and teachers. Her research and program developments in leadership and youth are recognized throughout the United States. Her work has been supported through grants and the private sector. She has been a consultant to educators in dozens of public schools, state and federal education agencies, and universities, including the University of Puerto Rico and Njala University College of the University of Sierra Leone (West Africa).

In 1982 she was selected to receive the Faculty Research Award given by the USM Alumni Association. Karnes has served as national president of the Association for the Gifted, the Mississippi Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, and the Mississippi Association for the Talented and Gifted. She is widely recognized nationally and internationally as a researcher and leader in the field of gifted education.
WILLIAM AKINS THOMAS, JR.

William Akins Thomas, Jr., of Jackson is a fourth-year medical student and president of the Associated Student Body at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He will be a candidate for the M.D. at the Medical Center’s 1991 commencement.

Since entering medical school, Thomas has been vice-president of his freshman medical class, president of his junior and senior medical classes, member of the Family Practice Club and recipient of the Daryl Douglas Award in 1989. The award honors the student, chosen by his class, who consistently demonstrates readiness to serve and assist classmates in pursuit of medical knowledge and skills.

Thomas earned the B.A., magna cum laude, in 1987 at the University of Mississippi, where he was a three-year recipient of the Chancellor’s Scholarship; member of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary; Omicron honorary; and Alpha Epsilon Delta Premedical Society. He also was a member of Delta Psi social fraternity, the University Men’s Choir and Baptist Student Union. He was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities in 1987. Thomas was commissioned into the Officer Corps of the U.S. Air Force in 1987, and received the USAF Health Professions Scholarship. He plans to specialize in internal medicine.

He is the son and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Thomas, Sr., of Weatherford, Texas.

D. MELESSA PHILLIPS

Lessa Phillips of Ridgeland is a professor of family medicine and chair of the department at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She did her undergraduate work at Newcomb College in New Orleans and earned the M.D. at the Tulane University School of Medicine. She was among the first four students to enter the new family medicine residency program at the Medical Center in 1974 and finished in 1976.

Phillips joined the UMC faculty after residency training and rose to the rank of professor. She became department chair in 1987. In 1990 she was selected as one of the 49 Kellogg Foundation Fellows in the United States. A member of the board of directors of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, she serves on the editorial boards of Modern Medicine, Emergency, and American Family Medicine. She has twice received the family medicine department’s highest award for teaching excellence.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, she was adopted by American parents as an infant and grew up in Tangipahoa, Louisiana.
KENNETH WADE COX

Kenneth Wade Cox, of Columbus, a senior psychology major with a 3.74 grade point average, currently serves as president of the Associated Student Body at the University of Mississippi.

Entering Ole Miss as a member of the University Honors Program and the Chancellor's Leadership Class, Cox served as ASB Senator for two years and was named Senator of the Year in 1989. He also served as ASB Director of Campus Affairs. His appointments include the University Library Council, Standing Committee on Campus Improvements, and the Library Planning Committee. Cox is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the highest leadership honor at Ole Miss. As an Ole Miss Ambassador, he has assisted in the University's recruiting efforts.

Cox is a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity and is serving as the fraternity's tribune. He served as president of Lambda Sigma sophomore honorary and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honoraries. He holds membership in Mortar Board and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

DAVID SANSING

David Sansing of Oxford has been a professor of history at the University of Mississippi since 1970. Sansing is a native of Greenville and a former social studies instructor at Percy Junior College (from 1969-1970). He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi College. In 1959, he received his doctoral degree in history from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He has published extensively and presented numerous papers and lectures.

Sansing is the author of a number of books examining the history of Mississippi, including Making Haste Slowly: The Troubled History of Higher Education in Mississippi, A History of the Mississippi Governor's Mansion with Carroll Waller, and Mississippi: Its People and Culture.

He is past president of the Mississippi Historical Society and has also served as book review editor of the Journal of Mississippi History. In 1990, Professor Sansing was named Teacher of the Year at the University of Mississippi.

He is married and has three children, all of whom are graduates of the University of Mississippi, and two grandchildren.
TEASTER BAIRD, JR.

Teaster Baird, Jr., of Lamar has exhibited academic excellence throughout his school days and continues to do so. In high school, he was the president of the Beta Club and proceeded to graduate as valedictorian. He was also an Academic All-American his senior year.

In the fall of 1988, Baird entered Tougaloo College on a Presidential scholarship and remained a Presidential Scholar throughout both his freshman and sophomore years. In the spring of his sophomore year, he became a MARC trainee.

He is currently a junior at Tougaloo College majoring in chemistry. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in either biochemistry or organic chemistry. His hobbies include playing the piano, drama, and listening to music.

Baird is the 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Teaster Baird, Sr.

GIOVINA D. CHINCHAR

Giovina D. Chinchar of Jackson received both a B.S. in education (1965) and an M.A. in biology (1970) from the State University of New York at Geneseo. In 1977, she was awarded the Ph.D. from Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana. She is the author of three publications.

As an undergraduate, Chinchar was selected for membership in Kappa Delta Pi and as a graduate was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Fellowship. More recently she was selected by the University of Minnesota to participate in a National Science Foundation sponsored workshop on gene manipulation for undergraduate faculty. Tougaloo College designated her as the Herzog Fellow for 1990-91 and recognized her as an outstanding teacher. Chinchar, who has taught extensively at both high school and college levels, is currently an assistant professor of biology at Tougaloo College.

She and her husband have two children.
CAROLINE WHITTINGTON

Caroline Whittington, daughter of Robert and Helen Whittington of McComb, is a sophomore at Southwest Mississippi Community College majoring in pre-medicine. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa where she serves as historian and of the Student Government Association where she serves as secretary. Whittington is a member of the Touch of Class dance line, stage band dancer, and serves as a writer for the yearbook staff. She was elected freshman favorite in 1989.

Whittington is a member of the First Baptist Church of McComb where she teaches a children's choir. She is a graduate of McComb High School.

TRUDA JANE McGREW

Truda Jane McGrew, daughter of the late Julia Lee Hamilton-Booker and Bennie Booker of McComb, was educated in the Pike County Public Schools and attended Southwest Mississippi Community College. She received her B.S.N. degree with highest honors from the University of Southern Mississippi and her M.N. degree from the University of Mississippi.

She has practiced as an R.N. in Pike County. She was instructor in the associate degree in nursing division at Southwest for six years and has served as director for that division for the past seven years. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society, the Organization for Advancement of Associate Degree Nursing, and the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing. She was selected for membership in Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, and Who's Who in American Nursing.

McGrew attends Bethal Baptist Church. She is married to James McGrew and has one child, Rochelle Jackson, an R.N. who received her associate of science degree from Southwest.
DEWEY L. SMITH

Dewey L. Smith of Corinth graduated from Alcorn Central High School in Corinth. He received best school spirit and leadership award, served as manager for track and football teams, and received outstanding manager awards and one track award. During his senior year he served as student council representative.

Upon graduation from high school, Smith entered the Navy where he served as an aviation fire control technician. He was nominated as Sailor-of-the-Month for both October and November of 1985. He also received the meritorious unit commendation and the Good Conduct Medal.

He is a senior at Southeastern Bible College with an overall grade point average of 3.57. While attending Southeastern he has been secretary/treasurer for Ministerial Alliance, has been named to the National Dean's List, received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges award, and the Citizenship Award.

He has served as assistant pastor, Berean Baptist Church, Soso. He is currently pastor of White Oak Baptist Church in Ellisville. Dewey is married to the former Elaine Renee Kermdt of Oak Harbor, Washington. He is the son and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil C. Smith of Corinth.

JENTRY BOND

Jentry Bond of Perkinston attended Southeastern Baptist College, Central Baptist College, and Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary. He will receive the doctor of ministry degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in May, 1991.

Bond is the chairman of the Division of Professional Studies at Southeastern Baptist College. He has taught Bible and religion at Southeastern since the fall semester of 1979.

He is an ordained minister and in addition to his teaching duties serves as pastor of Union Baptist Church at Bay Springs.

He is married to the former Emma Jean Miller and they have two children, Amy and Aaron.
Kimberly McGill was born January 15, 1971, in Laurel. She is the daughter of Isom and Mae Jewell McGill. A 1988 graduate of Heidelberg High School, she was in the top ten percent of her class. McGill is a former member of the Student Council and Heidelberg High School Choir.

She maintains a 3.7 grade point average at Rust College where she majors in business education with a concentration in business administration. She is a member of the Rust College ROTC, secretary of the Rust College NAACP, member of the Rust College Pre-Alumni and a member of the Baptist Student Union chorus. She is also a member of the Jerusalem Baptist Church of Heidelberg.

Nellie J. Smith of Meridian received the B.S. degree in business from Rust College in 1954; the M.S. degree in business from Kansas State Teachers College in 1956; and the Ph.D. degree in business education from the University of North Dakota in 1973. She has been chairperson of the Business Division of Rust College since 1970. She taught business at Mississippi Valley State University; taught business at Harris High School, Meridian; taught business at Rust College; integrated the Teamster’s Headquarters in Washington, D.C., as first Black clerical worker; served as secretary to president at Wilberforce University; was clerk typist with Shelby Air Force Depot, Shelby, Ohio; and secretary to president at Rust College.

Smith’s honors include a graduate fellowship, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia Kansas; academic scholarship at Rust College; National Methodist Scholarship, Rust College; cited in Personalities of the South; cited twice in Who’s Who Among Black Americans; cited in brochure on Outstanding Rustites, Rust College; cited in “The National Register of Prominent Americans and International Notables; U.S. Delegate to China, U.S./China Joint Session on Industry, Trade and Economic Development; member N.B.E.A., NCNW, MFRW, National Business Education Association, National Council of Negro Women, and Mississippi Federated Republican Women.

Smith is a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Nettie B. Johnson and the late Booker T. Johnson of Meridian. She is married to Levi Smith and is the mother of three sons and one daughter and has four grandchildren.
JEFFREY CHARLES MOES

Jeffrey Charles Moes of Clinton came to Reformed Theological Seminary from Butler, Pennsylvania, where he served as youth pastor for almost five years. In his ministry many young people found significant help and guidance in their Christian lives. The number of young people involved in his ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church increased significantly during his time with them.

Moes became a Christian at the age of ten and was a leader of young people in his church during his teenage years. He attended Northwestern Christian College for two years and then moved to Wheaton College where he received the bachelor of arts degree.

He has earned an outstanding academic record at Reformed Theological Seminary and has had a leadership role among students for the past two years. He is president of the student body.

DR. SIMON J. KISTEMAKER

Simon J. Kistemaker of Clinton is professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary and is an ordained pastor of the Christian Reformed Church. After serving as a pastor in Vernon, B.C., Canada, he became professor of Bible at Dort College and taught there for eight years. He came to Reformed Theological Seminary in 1971 and has become a distinguished professor and writer.

Kistemaker was asked by Baker Book House to become the co-author with Dr. William Hendriksen to complete the New Testament Commentaries. In addition to three volumes of the Commentary, Kistemaker has authored six other books on biblical and theological topics. He has also published numerous articles.

Kistemaker is a graduate of Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary, and the Free University of Amsterdam where he received the Th.D. degree in New Testament. He is also the father of seven children and has eight grandchildren.
ANGELIA D. DOSECK

Angela D. Doseck of Biloxi is an accounting student. As a participant in the college work-study program, she works 20 hours per week in the Career Services Office as a clerical assistant.

An active member of the Student Council, Doseck serves her fellow students as secretary. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills through her involvement with the student council and in the classroom. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while attending both day and evening classes.

Doseck is hardworking, motivated and conscientious. She possesses a strong conviction for doing what is right with regard to her fellow students. She is dedicated to being an active voice for those students who are seldom heard. Doseck represents the student body by serving on the Educational Program and Faculty Committee for the college’s self-study.

Doseck’s dedication to her college is to be commended. She has demonstrated her desire to be a winner in a complex society. She has proven that, with the proper attitude and motivation, a young mother can successfully balance family responsibilities with college.

SUSAN CAIN STORRS

Susan Cain Storrs of Biloxi received both her B.S. and M.S. in accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has taught at Phillips Junior College of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since January, 1975 and has served as department chairperson since April, 1984.

It is the unanimous consensus of the student population that Storrs is an outstanding academician. Idealistic but realistic goals for her students’ academic and personal accomplishments are exemplified by her unique presentations, participation and interaction with all of her students.

Storrs’ involvement with her students does not end when they receive their degree from Phillips Junior College. She actively seeks information from the accounting graduates with regard to their employment and the skills they utilize on the job. She shares this feedback with students as a motivational tool for stressing the whys of accounting procedures and how it is applied in the real world so they will excel both in the classroom and on the job.

Storrs’ instructional methods and the rapport she has with her students made her Phillips Junior College’s unanimous choice as Outstanding Teacher for 1990.
LINDA S. EADY

Linda S. Eady of Florence graduated from Florence High School in 1969. While attending high school, she was a member of the basketball team, the History Club, the Debate Club, and was chosen Most Courteous in Who's Who during her senior year.

After working as a teaching assistant in special education, she chose to attend Phillips Junior College in order to provide her with the necessary skills to succeed in the field of word processing. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while attending Phillips.

She is married to Tommy D. Eady and they have four children.

RANDY WINFORD

Randy Winford of Madison was born in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She graduated from Woodland Hills Baptist Academy in Jackson and in May, 1983, she graduated summa cum laude from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor of accountancy. She received a master of accountancy in 1984 from the University of Mississippi.

Winford is a certified public accountant and has worked as an auditor with a local CPA firm and as a division controller with Deposit Guaranty National Bank. She has been with Phillips Junior College since January, 1987 and was selected Outstanding Instructor for 1990.

She is married to Greg Winford and they have two children.
STACEY RENE' LOTT

Stacey Rene' Lott of Poplarville is a sophomore majoring in speech pathology. She has consistently been a Dean's List scholar and was selected to be included in Who's Who in American Community and Junior Colleges. This fall she performed at Pearl River's football games as a member of the drill team, String of Pearls. She has been a member of RiverRoad, PRCC's show choir, and involved in many functions on campus and across the state. She is also president of the official student host/hostess team known as the River Navigators. In her spare time she works for the Development Foundation.

She is an honor graduate of Poplarville High School where she served as student body president and received the student government award and the outstanding senior award. She was selected to the Hall of Fame and elected Most Likely to Succeed her senior year. She has received the Academic All-American award, National Leadership and Service award, United States National Mathematics award, and was selected for the Society of Distinguished American High School Students and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also volunteered her time and efforts for the North Pearl River County Republican Headquarters. Lott is an active member of the First United Methodist Church where she is a member of the handbell choir. On campus she is active in the Wesley Foundation and has recently become youth director at her church. She is majoring in speech pathology and upon graduating plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Willis Lott.

PEGGY DEASE

Peggy Dease of Picayune is a registered nurse and teaches in the associate degree in nursing program at Pearl River Community College. She is presently employed as the freshman nursing coordinator and a freshman nursing instructor.

She received her nursing education from the University of Southern Mississippi, graduating in 1973 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing and a master's of science degree in psychiatric mental health nursing in 1981. Her graduate study emphasis included cross-cultural mental health and education.

To maintain her professional activities, she is a member of the National League of Nursing and the Organization for the Advancement of Associate Degree Nurses. She also teaches a NLN-NCLEX review course during the summer months for persons taking the national exams. She has taught several workshops for area hospitals. To keep up with the ever changing field of nursing, she works part time at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell, Louisiana.

Dease is a native of Meridian. She and her husband, Clyde, have three daughters.
LAURA ANNE DILATUSH

Laura Anne Dilatush of Coldwater, a sophomore music education major at Northwest Mississippi Community College, has studied piano for ten years. As a member of the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, she earned the Bach pin as a five-year national winner, was an international winner and earned the High School Diploma in Piano. She was a member of the National Federation of Junior Music Clubs and played and attended the Mississippi Piano Camp where she performed on the Honors Recital each year.

Dilatush is a member of the Northwest Jazz Band and the Northwest Singers. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity and has accumulated a 3.98 grade point average while at Northwest.

FAYE H. MASSEY

Faye Massey of Oxford received a B.S. degree in business education and a M.Ed. degree in business education with a minor in guidance and counseling from Mississippi State University. In addition, she has done post-graduate work at both the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University and has a AAA teaching certificate in Mississippi. Massey taught 12 years in a secondary vocational business program and is now in her fifth year as a vocational instructor for the Administrative Support Services program at the Northwest Mississippi Community College/Lafayette-Yalobusha Technical Center.

Massey has been active in professional and civic organizations. She has served as vice-president and president of Mississippi Business and Office Education Association, vice-president and president of District I, Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators, and has held several offices in Upsilon Chapter, Delta Pi Epsilon, the University of Mississippi. Locally, she has taught Sunday School at North Oxford Baptist Church, served as president of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, and worked with the March of Dimes.
OPHEBIA SHAREE HIGH

Ophebia Sharee High of Baldwyn is a sophomore associate degree nursing student at Northeast Mississippi Community College. She has distinguished herself among her peers with her beauty, her commitment to her studies and her friendly, caring attitude toward the people that she meets. High has been active in many aspects of college life. She has served as an ambassador to the high school tour groups that visited the campus. She participated in the college work-study program serving in the arts department. She also sings as a member of the Northeast Mississippi Community College Black Voices Choir and in the musical group “Exposure.” The student body elected her homecoming queen and Miss Northeast in 1989-90.

High has completed 72 semester hours at Northeast with a cumulative grade point average of 2.69. She is a member of Who’s Who Among American Junior Colleges. In 1990, she was selected to receive the Eliza Pillar Nursing Scholarship.

She represented the institution in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in which she was a Top Ten Finalist and was also a preliminary award winner in the swimsuit competition.

REBA DAVIS

Reba Davis of Rienzi is a mathematics instructor with eleven years of service at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Davis taught mathematics for 13 years in the public secondary schools of Booneville and Corinth. She currently teaches classes in algebra and trigonometry and advises computer science majors at Northeast.

She did undergraduate work in mathematics at Northeast Mississippi Community College and Blue Mountain College. During her studies at Northeast, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as secretary. She was also a member of the Science Club. Her academic performance earned her a place on the Dean’s List at Northeast. Davis maintained her position on the Dean’s List after she transferred to Blue Mountain College. At Blue Mountain, she completed a double major in mathematics and science. She served as president of Mu Alpha Theta, an honorary fraternity. She completed her masters of science degree in combined science at the University of Mississippi.

Davis devotes her time and energy to her students, her two sons, her husband and her church. Her efforts in these areas have made her a valuable source of advice and leadership for the people of Northeast Mississippi.
Tammie Gosa is a senior health, physical education and recreation major from Greenwood. She is an honor student and has served as an active member of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Club for two years. She participates in the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation organization at the local, state, and national level.

Gosa has recently been rewarded for her academic accomplishments by being named to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities. She has received several offers from graduate schools to continue her education after graduating from MVSU in May of 1991.

In addition to her academic pursuits, she is very much involved in student activities, including inter-collegiate athletics. She is a valued performer for the Delta Devilettes, Mississippi Valley State University's women's basketball team. In 1989, she was chosen by her department as Miss Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Gosa is an outstanding student and athlete at Mississippi Valley State University.

Charles Davis is a native of Clarksdale who now makes his home in Lyons. He is an assistant professor of art, and has served on the faculty since 1986. He holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Kansas City Art Institute and a master's degree in art from the University of Miami. Before coming to MVSU, he taught art at Shelby State Community College in Memphis, Tennessee.

Davis has demonstrated proven leadership abilities in teaching, has been active in community service, and has energetically produced and displayed his own art work.

In 1987 and 1988, he served on the Visual Arts Advisory Panel for the Mississippi Arts Commission. In 1989 and 1990, he served in that same capacity for the Tennessee Arts Commission. In 1989, he was placed on the Mississippi Arts Commission Art in Education Program Roster of Artists. In 1990, he served as Artist in Residence at the Mississippi Museum of Art. As an Artist in Residence, Davis supervised high school and junior high students in the painting of six murals for display in the museum and at the Jackson Public Schools Academic and Performing Arts Complex.

Davis is an outstanding teacher and artist at Mississippi Valley State University.
RACHEL ELIZABETH BURRES

Rachel Elizabeth Burres of Gautier is a senior biology major with an overall quality point average of 3.90. She is a member of Beta Beta Beta biological honor society, vice-president of the University Honors Program, elections commissioner for the MUW chapter of Mortar Board, and president of the Student Alumnae Association. She also serves as student representative on the Undergraduate Curriculum Council and is a member of the Newman Club, a Catholic student group. Burres has been active in campus social and service groups, including Lockhearts social club, Hottenot leadership honorary, and Jesters junior-senior social club. She now serves as vice president of Interclub, the governing body for all eight social clubs.

Additional honors that she has received include Spirit of Junior Miss Scholarship in 1987, election to MUW Hall of Fame in 1990, and Campus Beauty in 1990. She is a past member of Junior Civitans and has served as a volunteer for Special Olympics and as a bellringer for the Salvation Army. Burres has traveled to Saltillo, Mexico, where she participated in service projects for her Catholic young organization. During the summer of 1990, she spent ten weeks as a student assistant on an NSF-sponsored research project at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory. For the past two years, she has been a laboratory assistant in human anatomy laboratories taught by William S. Parker. She also works 15 hours each week for the MUW Foundation and has contributed time on pho-n-a-thons for the foundation and the admissions office at MUW.

BRIDGET SMITH PIESCHEL

Bridget Smith Pieschel of Columbus received her B.S. and her M.A. in English from Mississippi University for Women and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Alabama where she was a Graduate Council Fellow. As assistant professor of English, she has taught at MUW for ten years. In addition, she is co-director of University 101, director of the Summer Advising Center and chair of the Women's Emphasis Implementation Committee. She sponsors Mortar Board, Sigma Tau Delta English Honorary, the freshman writing contest, and the Troubadour Social Club. For two years she has been a member of the Eudora Welty Writers' Symposium Grant Committee. She is a member of the College English Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Mississippi Philological Society, and the Mississippi Historical Society. She is currently president of the Columbus Branch of the American Association of University Women. She has published articles on Benjamin Franklin and Nathaniel Hawthorne and is the co-author, with Stephen Pieschel, of Loyal Daughters: A Centennial History of Mississippi University for Women, published by University Press of Mississippi in 1984.

Active members of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Columbus, she and her husband, Steve, have three children, ages ten, three, and two months. Pieschel, a fifth generation Mississippian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellard Smith, Sr., of Louisville.
KELVIN F. COVINGTON

Kelvin F. Covington of Charleston, a senior at Mississippi State University, is pursuing a double major in business marketing and management and planning a career in marketing with special interest in corporate contract negotiations.

Covington is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He has served on numerous committees and was a member of the Election Committee, Famous Maroon Band, and MSU Orientation Leader.

His honors and awards include Who's Who Among American College Students, Outstanding Young Men of America, Jackson Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, Dean's Scholar, Elderstatesman, Blue Key Honor Fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Residence Hall Order.

He was elected vice president of the MSU Student Association as the first black to ever serve in this capacity, and later he was elected president. He was featured in various newspapers including The Boston Globe and was also featured in two issues of the internationally renowned Jet Magazine.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Covington of Charleston, he is the sixth child of seven and the fourth of five to attend Mississippi State University.

J. ROGER EASLEY

J. Roger Easley of Starkville is a professor of veterinary medicine. Before coming to MSU in 1985, he served as director of the Clinical Laboratories and chairman of the Hospital Board at the School of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University and was on the faculty at the University of Tennessee.

He attended Tennessee Tech for his pre-veterinary training. He received his veterinary education at Auburn University where he graduated magna cum laude and was the recipient of the President's Award as the outstanding graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine. Upon graduation, Easley did a National Institute of Health postdoctoral fellowship at Tulane Medical School followed by three years of active duty as a captain in the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Corps. He had a private practice in Black Mountain, North Carolina and also did graduate work at the University of Missouri.

Easley became a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists as an anatomic pathologist in 1977. He became one of only fifteen veterinarians in North America with dual certification in anatomic and clinical pathology. He has worked as a scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and has been a consultant for the National Toxicology Program. Most of his work has been in kidney disease and diagnostic laboratory testing.

He has received two outstanding teacher awards, is the chair of the Robert Holland Faculty Council, and is currently the director of the Diagnostic Laboratory at the College of Veterinary Medicine. On weekends he is a Lt. Colonel in the Tennessee Air National Guard. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, he is married to Paula Jernigan of West Point. They have three children, Joel, Alexa and Rebecca.
SHARON TALA

Sharon Tala, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard P. Tala of Gulfport and sophomore student at the Jefferson Davis Campus, is a 1989 graduate of Harrison Central High School. She maintained a 3.91 cumulative grade point average during her freshman year while serving as Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honors Study Program Director, and president of the freshman class and student body. She has served on the Tri-Campus Student Council, was school representative to the State Student Council Leadership Convention, and is a member of the College Honors Program.

Tala is a student representative on the MGCCC Alumni Association Foundation Board of Directors and served on the guidelines and selection committees for the Instructor of the Year and Hall of Fame awards. She is a member of the Reflections Team, which hosts campus visitors and assists in college recruitment efforts. Tala has been a reading and English tutor for high school and elementary students. She has served as a volunteer for the High School Scholars Bowl, College Career Day, Global Mississippi Humanities Forum, commencement exercises, Mississippi Association of Educators, Feed My Sheep Program, Muscular Dystrophy, United Way, Adopt-a-Beach, SADD, blood drives and Special Olympics.

Tala's honors and awards include crew chief for Domino's Pizza Customer Service Representatives, 1989 president of Orange Grove Astra Club, and 1990 Outstanding Customer Service Award at Service Merchandise. In addition to being nominated for the Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical and Junior Colleges for 1991. Tala was elected freshman class favorite and homecoming queen.

KATHRYN LEWIS

Kathryn Lewis of Perkinston has an M.S. in communications plus 66 hours in theatre, communications and administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has been employed as a speech instructor and director of theatre on the Perkinston Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College since 1969 and currently serves as the chair of the Fine Arts Department. As director of theatre, the “Perk Players” have presented nine musicals, fifteen dramas, and eighteen touring children’s shows averaging thirty performances a year to 12,000 children in South Mississippi. Lewis has adapted two children’s scripts and written and produced seven scripts. Theatre-related honors include: Perk Players selected to perform at the Louisiana World Exposition, Mississippi Theatre Association, Southeastern Theatre Conference, Regional American College Theatre Festival and received numerous grants from the Mississippi Arts Commission and the National Endowment.

Individual honors include: Who Who’s in the Arts in MS, Who’s Who is MS Hall of Fame, Instructor of the Year-MGCC, Outstanding Educators of America, Past President of MS Theatre Association, member of board of directors of Southeastern Theatre Conference, received Cowboy Maloney Award for Outstanding Contributions to Theatre in Mississippi and the Southeast, named to America’s Outstanding Young Women, named to World’s Who’s Who of Women in America, member of Council of Ministries of First United Methodist Church in Wiggins, and chair of Committee on Higher Education, First United Methodist Church.
AUBREY ALLEN ADEN

Aubrey Allen Aden is a sophomore pre-engineering major and is a very active member of the MDCC student body. He is president of the Student Government Association, vice-president of the Boy’s Dorm Council, MVP on the tennis team, men’s captain of the Delta Dancers dance group and the Delta Connection recruiting/public relations group.

He is a Greenwood native graduating third in his class of 200 at Greenwood High with a grade point average of 93.8. High school honors include the Hall of Fame, National Honor Society, U.S. Government Award, Citizenship Award, and Who’s Who Among High School Students. Honors at MDCC include president of Zeta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa 1990-91 and vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa, MS-LA Region 1989-90. He has also served as SGA president and was a 1990 recipient of the Mississippi Association of Colleges’ David Halbrook Academic Excellence Among Athletes Award. He was awarded the Calculus II, Chemistry Award and Thigpen Scholarship his freshman year.

Aden maintains a 4.0 grade point average in pre-engineering and plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University majoring in mechanical or aerospace engineering. His hobbies include tennis, water skiing and snow skiing. He has also been active in the Boy Scouts and Greenwood Little Theatre summer workshops.

Aden is a member of the North Greenwood Baptist Church where he has been Youth Director of Education and youth minister on Youth Sunday. He is the son and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aden of Greenwood and has two sisters, Carrie and Sydney Anne.

JOSEPH ROBERT ABRAMS III

Joseph Robert Abrams III, of Moorhead is the chairman of the Fine Arts Department as well as director of the “Spirit” Band and an instructor. Abrams came to Mississippi Delta in 1962 as band and choral director. He organized the first MDJC All-College Band in 1963 and in 1969 organized the Trojannaires (T.J.’s) traveling show group (now the Ambassadors). He also served as production chairman of the MDJC Scholarship Pageant from 1970 to 1985.

Abrams is a native of Columbus and a graduate of Lee High School there. He graduated from the U.S. Naval School of Music, Army Element; received his B.S.Ed. from Mississippi College; an M.Ed. from University of Southern Mississippi; and an M.M. degree from the University of Mississippi.

Professional affiliations include membership in the Mississippi Education Association, Mississippi Music Educators’ Association (in which he has served as chairman of the College Division), Choral Directors’ National Association, College Band Directors’ National Association and the MDCC Faculty Association.

Abrams is an ordained Baptist deacon and has conducted church music programs full and part-time since 1952. He and his wife, Jean Gardner Abrams, are co-directors of MDCC Baptist Student Union singing group “Upward Journey.” They have two children, Catherine A. McBride of Olive Branch and Robert Wade Abrams of Longview, Texas, and three grandchildren.
C. ELLEN McCAIN

C. Ellen McCain, a native of Jackson, is a senior history and modern languages major with plans of pursuing a career in law. A National Merit and Byrd Congressional Scholar, McCain says she chose Mississippi College because of its outstanding academic reputation and its excellent student-faculty ratio. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while participating in many facets of campus life. She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Phi Alpha Theta (history honorary society), Phi Alpha Delta (pre-law organization), and Alpha Mu Gamma (foreign language honor society). She has served as secretary of both Alpha Chi and Alpha Lambda Delta.

Currently serving as Student Body Association vice-president, McCain has also served as president and vice-president of her social organization and is a sweetheart of Circle K men’s service club. She was recently selected to Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities and was chosen senior homecoming maid. She represented Mississippi College at the Jackson Chamber of Commerce Future Leaders Appreciation Day and has done volunteer work for the American Heart Association and University Medical Center Children’s Hospital. During her years at Mississippi College, McCain has also been actively involved as a member of the Student Senate, College Republicans, modeling team, the debate team, student recruiters, Baptist Student Union Freshman Council, and numerous student body association and college-wide committees.

BETTYE R. COWARD

Bettye Rogers Coward of Clinton is a native of Collins and is a graduate of Collins High School and Jones County Junior College. She received the B.S. degree in home economics education from Mississippi University for Women, the M.S. degree and the doctor of education degree with a major in administration in higher education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has done additional graduate work at the University of Mississippi, University of Alabama, the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Texas Woman’s University.

Coward has held collegiate teaching positions at St. Mary’s Dominican College, New Orleans, Louisiana; the University of Mississippi; and Mississippi College where she currently chairs the Department of Home Economics and Physical Education and is professor of home economics.

Coward is a member of the American Home Economics Association and is a certified home economist. She is a past president of the Mississippi Home Economics Association and holds current membership in the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She belongs to the following: Phi Upsilon Omicron (home economics); Kappa Delta Pi and Kappa Delta Epsilon (education); and Phi Delta Kappa (educational leadership). She has been active in community affairs and has served in various leadership capacities.

At Mississippi College, Coward has served actively across the campus, including leadership roles in Core Curriculum Study, SACS and NCATE (accreditation) self-studies, Academic and Graduate Council, Continuing Education Council, Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. She was elected by faculty and students as 1990 Professor of the Year.
PAMELA FRANCES BUNDY

Pamela Frances Bundy of Mobile, Alabama, is a senior at Millsaps College. She spent most of her life in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she graduated from Baton Rouge High School. Being a school which caters to students with high academic and artistic achievements, BRHS offered many opportunities for Bundy to develop her interests in dance and theatre. During her senior year, she was able to learn much about leadership and service as the president of the school's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

From there, she went on to Millsaps College where she continued to grow in areas of leadership and scholarship. As a freshman, Bundy led a small group Bible study as a part of the Campus Ministry Team and has continued as a member of that organization. During her sophomore year, she became a computer lab assistant supervisor, and helped to coordinate schedules and was available when problems arose in the labs. During her first two years, Bundy was bombarded by the varied disciplines that aroused her interests. However, from her childhood, she had maintained a desire to teach, and during her junior year began her career as an elementary education major. Also at this time, she began teaching a Spanish course to students in a local after-school program. She is presently participating in the Bailey High School Mentor Program of the Centennial Volunteer Service Project.

As graduation approaches, she is now more than ever convinced of the importance of her role in the world as a future educator. She looks forward to a few years of teaching and learning and is planning to return to graduate school, possibly in the field of special education.

ALLEN SCARBORO

Allen Scarboro of Jackson was born to a North Carolina farm family in 1947. He entered public schools in West End and continued elementary school in Clinton, Tennessee. After high school graduation in Marietta, Georgia, he attended Kenyon College on a National Merit Scholarship. After receiving a master of arts from the Hartford Seminary Foundation, he took a Ph.D. in a joint program in sociology and religion at Emory University. His first teaching position was in the department of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

He came to Millsaps in 1982 and became chair of the department of sociology in 1987. He directed the Honors Program from 1983 to 1987. His primary teaching and research interests are power relations in education and interpersonal interactions. His papers include studies of programs to promote interracial understanding; ways to protect children from sexual and other abuse; methods for more effective teaching, especially the use of writing to learn; and the relations between Islam and modernization in Turkey, especially the role of women in contemporary Turkey.
GERI NORSKOV

With her sights set on a career in pediatric medicine, 19-year-old Geri Norskov believes her two years at Meridian Community College are getting her off to a good start academically.

A native of Meridian, she has moved around the country (Georgia, Tennessee, Nebraska, California and Virginia) since her father is in the Navy. Norskov also spent three years in Scotland before returning to her hometown in 1986. She graduated from Northeast Lauderdale High School where she was selected as the outstanding math student.

At MCC, she has maintained a perfect 3.0 record in her classes. She was tapped to receive a Phi Theta Kappa Scholastic Bowl Scholarship after participation on the winning team. Both the Navy League Lanier-Walker Scholarship and the Bill Whitworth Scholarship have also recognized her academic excellence.

A two-year member of Phi Theta Kappa, she is currently serving as secretary of this honorary scholastic fraternity. She is also active in a Bible Study Group at the Naval Air Station.

After graduation in May, 1991, she is considering a transfer to the University of Mississippi, Millsaps College or the University of Nebraska.

ALICE JAMES

Alice James of Meridian is now in her 25th year as an instructor at MCC. She teaches accounting classes to 100-120 students each semester, but she “still gets the same feeling of satisfaction in the classroom that I always have.”

Originally from Cleveland, James graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi University for Women with a double major in math and business. She also holds a master’s degree from the University of Southern Mississippi with 33 hours of post graduate work at Mississippi State University. In addition to high school teaching, her practical experience includes accounting positions with the Mississippi Department of Education, the Natchez Public Schools, General Box of Natchez, and head of the accounting department for the State Insurance Agency.

In 1980, she was selected as Teacher of the Year at MCC and three years later received the T. J. Harris Award for outstanding service to the college and community. She was also one of 30 instructors across the nation tapped to participate in the 1986 Conference on Accounting Education. Her leadership has included two years as chairman of the MCC Faculty Senate as well as president of the MCC Faculty Association, Poplar Springs School PTA and the Episcopal Church Women. “Treasurer” has also become a popular title for her with six other organizations.

James and her husband, Austin, have two children and two grandchildren.
STEVEN T. LOCKHART

Steven T. Lockhart of Mantee attended West Clay Elementary and West Clay High School where he received an award for perfect attendance at both schools. While in high school, he received both academic and athletic awards, including most improved player, letters in three sports and was on the superintendent's, principal's and honor roll lists. He graduated sixth in his class.

Lockhart is currently a sophomore attending Mary Holmes College majoring in pre-med. He has been on both the Dean's and President's list, maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.80. He is president of the Student Government Association, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, a peer tutor, a member of the soccer and baseball teams.

His future goal is to graduate from Mary Holmes College, receive a B.S. in pre-med and attend Meharry Medical College. He plans to become a surgeon.

He was born September 9, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lockhart. He is the middle child of three siblings.

GEORGE R. TAYLOR

George R. Taylor of West Point is dean of mathematics and natural science at Mary Holmes College. He received his B.S. degree in mathematics from Rust College, the M.Ed. degree from Mississippi State University, and did further study at Mississippi State University.

Taylor has served as assistant professor of mathematics at Mary Holmes College and mathematics teaching assistant at Mississippi State University.

He has received honors and special recognitions including being the recipient of the 1988 White House Initiative Faculty Certificate for Excellence in Science and Technology. Taylor is a member of the Mathematical Association of America.
RUSSELL LEO MAYNARD

Russell Leo Maynard of Winona was born and reared in Mountain Home, Arkansas. He is the son of Leo and Jane Maynard, also natives of Mountain Home. Maynard graduated from Mountain Home High School in May, 1983 and enrolled in Magnolia Bible College.

While attending college he has assisted missionary J. C. Choate who resides in Winona. Maynard is scheduled to graduate from MBC with a B.S. degree in Bible with an emphasis in marriage and family. He is on the President’s List at MBC and has been awarded the Ivey Scholarship. He is the minister for the Durant Church of Christ.

He plans to enroll in a master’s of sociology program at Mississippi State University and hopes to someday teach on a college level and assist less fortunate children.

SAMUEL THOMAS JONES

Samuel Thomas Jones of Tupelo received a B.S. degree in Bible from Freed-Hardeman University. He received both the M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology of the family from Mississippi State University.

Jones has been a pulpit minister for several churches in Mississippi and Tennessee. He was a teaching assistant for several years in the sociology department at Mississippi State University. He is the author of a marriage manual, “Methods to Revitalize a Devitalized Marriage.”

His honors are as follows: President’s List, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, delegate of the Leadership Mississippi program, and Outstanding Young Men of America. He has professional membership with numerous organizations and serves as a board member on several community and religious organizations.

Jones is associate professor at Magnolia Bible College and the pulpit minister for the Parkview Church of Christ in Jackson.

Jones was born in Houston and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jones of Tupelo. He is married to the former Rhonda Norwood and they have two sons, Eric Thomas and Jarrett Steven.
KEITH THOMPSON

A pre-med major, sophomore Keith Thompson of Magee is currently the president of Jones Junior College Student Government Association. An honors graduate of Magee High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Thompson.

While at Magee, Thompson was an active member of the band, and served as its president. He had the distinction of being named Mr. Trojan Bandsman and the school’s Outstanding Bandsman. He was also a class officer at Magee, a state officer of Future Farmers of American and a member of Beta Club, the yearbook staff, the science club, and the baseball team. His high school honors include winning the Public Speaking Award, the American Legion Award and the Director’s Award in band. He earned scholarships from Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola, and Jones Junior College.

At Jones, Thompson is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Political Science Club. He is also a member of the JCJC choir and gospel group, the Maroon Typhoon Marching Band, and an officer in Penta Octa, the Fine Arts Department club. As a freshman, he participated as a trumpeter in the bi-annual Madrigal Feast. He has earned the Phil Berry and the W. B. Entrekin Scholarships and has also earned an academic letter “J” award. As a member of the Baptist Student Union, he is on both the morning watch and missions committees.

Upon graduation from Jones in May, Thompson plans to attend the University of Mississippi.

JAMES A. WALLEY

James A. Walley of Ellisville is an instructor of forestry at Jones County Junior College and has been on the faculty of his alma mater since 1978. Born in Madison County, he graduated from Petal High School, Jones County Junior College, and Mississippi State University with a B.S. and M.Ed., with additional studies at the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey College. He holds a Mississippi real estate brokers license and is a registered forester.

The Forestry Technology program under the direction of Walley was ranked number one vocational-technical program out of 413 programs in the state.

Walley is currently serving as the regional vice-president of the Mississippi Forestry Association, chairman of the Society of American Foresters, and chairman of the Jones County Forestry Association. He has received the Outstanding Toastmaster award, Outstanding Young Forester award, Outstanding Young Men of America award, and Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector award.

He is a past president of the Ellisville Lions Club and a member of the First Baptist Church of Ellisville. Walley is married to the former Debbie Drennon and they have two children.
JOHN EDISON FOSTER

John Edison Foster of Natchez was born in Columbus and graduated from North Natchez High School as valedictorian and Mississippi Economic Council STAR Student. He majors in physics at Jackson State University where he received a full four-year scholarship and became a member of the Honors Program. He was selected to Alpha Lambda Delta during his freshman year.

While at Jackson State University, his internships have included: NASA at the Kennedy Space Center where he participated in the Space Life Sciences Training Program; technical assistant at MIT’s Lincoln Laboratory; NASA at Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio; and Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California, where he participated in the Undergraduate Summer Applied Science Institute with 24 other bright physics students from all over the country.

Foster’s other honors include participation in the Collegiate Mississippi Leadership Conference and the National Conference of the Society of Black Physicists and Physics Students; member of Alpha Chi; president of the Society of Physics Students; and winner of the American Physical Society Physics Scholarship for 1990-91. Foster maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

JUANITA L. SIMS

Juanita L. Sims of Jackson is assistant professor of speech/language pathology in the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts and serves as coordinator for the Communicative Disorders concentration. She received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in speech/language pathology from the University of Southern Mississippi and her Ed.D. in early childhood education from Jackson State University. Sims combines her speech pathology/early childhood background to teach courses relative to the speech/language development and disorders in children. Because of her direct involvement and experiences in working with the speech/language impaired, Sims’ teaching and supervisory skills in communicative disorders take on a new and motivating meaning for students. She serves as a highly respected teacher, supervisor and role model for many of the students.

Sims serves on the Board of Directors of the Central MS Health Care at Home, Friends of Head Start and theYWCA; is assistant secretary of the Jackson Chapter of Links and incoming president of Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and holds offices and serves on committees in her professional associations at the local, state and national levels.

Her most recent awards include Spotlight on Scholars (School of Liberal Arts 1989 and 1990), Leadership Award from her department and a certificate of appreciation from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for chairing a conference on “Communication Disorders in Minority Populations” that will be used as a national model. Sims has published, directed grants and has presented research. Recently she was selected as a member of the 1990-91 Class of Leadership Jackson sponsored by the Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Juanita Sims who is her role model and has twelve sisters and brothers.
DANNY NEIL DABB, JR.

Danny Neil Dabbs, Jr., of Aberdeen was valedictorian of his 1989 senior class at South Pontotoc High School. His high school honors included the math award, the science award, Who's Who Among America's High School Students, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, and National Guard Scholar-Athlete Award, and president of Beta Club.

Dabbs placed first in the Itawamba Community College Algebra II Competition in 1987 and was president of the math club. His athletic awards include all-division in Football Division II 2A in 1989, Cougar Football Award in 1989, and he has lettered in football, baseball, and basketball.

He was guitarist in Itawamba Community College's "Kaleidoscope" in 1990 and was on the President's List in fall 1989 and spring 1990.

WILLIAM H. MAY

William H. May of Tupelo is a member of the Educational Foundation of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and served on its board of directors from 1984-1990, as vice president from 1986-1988, and as president in 1989.

He is on the board of directors of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology and has served that organization as its chairman and vice chairman. He served on the board of directors, as president, and vice president of the Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists. From that organization he was awarded a life membership and a distinguished service award.

May was awarded an honorary life membership in Kentucky Society of Radiologic Technologists in 1980 and New York City Society of Radiologic Technologists in 1984. He has lectured at over 100 state, regional and national professional meetings.
PATRICK W. LEATHERS

Patrick W. Leathers of Goodman is a sophomore engineering major on the Goodman campus. He graduated from Central Holmes Academy with special honors. Graduating second in his class, he was a member of the paper staff and won the achievement awards in mathematics and in accounting.

Leathers received an academic scholarship to attend Holmes by earning a composite score of 25 on the American College Test (ACT). After earning a 3.930 quality point average his freshman year with 43 semester hours of pre-engineering courses, he was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college honorary society. This year he was elected by his fellow PTK’s to serve as the chapter president.

In his limited spare time, Leathers plays intramural volleyball and basketball and reads in the areas of science and physics. After completing his studies at Holmes, he plans to transfer to Mississippi State University and major in electrical engineering.

GENEVA W. ENGLAND

Geneva W. England of Grenada is an English instructor at Holmes Community College. She earned her bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in 1962, graduating third in her class. After embarking on a teaching career which is currently in its 29th year, she completed a master's degree and earned a specialist's certificate in English education from the University of Mississippi.

Prior to joining the Holmes faculty, England had a 25-year tenure as a secondary teacher in the fields of creative writing, junior and senior English, and speech. She was named STAR teacher of her high school eight times and won the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English Teacher of the Year award. For 10 years, her students won more writing awards than any others in the National Pen Women of America, Delta Branch competition.

England is married to Archie T. England, a mill manager for Heatcraft in Grenada. They have one son who is a Baptist minister. In addition to being a wife, mother and teacher, England has found time for community service. She is a member and past president of the Twentieth Century Club. She is also a member of the Enon Baptist Church where she has served as organist and Sunday School teacher.

England states she has been blessed throughout her career by having wonderful students to work with, and she takes great pride in their accomplishments.
LORI JEAN MOORE

Lori Jean Moore of Richland is a graduate of Clinton High School and a sophomore on the Raymond Campus of Hinds. With a 4.0 grade point average, she is a Presidential Scholar studying under the general program. She will either major in history or enter the paralegal program and minor in history.

At Hinds, she is a senator and secretary for the Baptist Student Union as well as a member of the Summer Missions Fund-Raising Program and the BSU Choir and Drama Group. She is a senator for Phi Theta Kappa, secretary and a member of the elections committee in the Associated Student Government and a member of Students Against Drunk Driving. She is a member of Who's Who Among Junior and Community College Students and a recipient of a Dean's scholarship and the Mildred Herrin Development Foundation Scholarship.

Moore is a volunteer for Southern Christian Services and is a member of First Christian Church in Jackson. Her parents are Rodger and Kay Moore of Richland.

CHERYL CARR

Cheryl Carr of Meridian is the 1990 Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor for Hinds Community College where she has served as instructor in the business technology department at the Jackson Campus Sunset Drive Center for six years.

Her professional involvements include five years as treasurer of the Mississippi Business Education Association, where she served as co-editor of the MBEA fall newsletter, and is currently serving as president-elect; service on the public relations and publications committees of the Southern Business Education Association; and on the Fun Run committee for the National Business Educators Association. She serves on the legislative committee of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators; and has membership in the American Vocational Association, the Hinds Community College Educators Association, and the Hinds Program Research Committee. She is a participant in the 1990 Lamplighters Project.

Carr was named Outstanding Vocational Instructor in Business Education at the 1990 Summer Vocational Conference, and MBEA's 1990 Vocational Business Educator of the Year. She has been nominated for AVA Region IV Vocational Teacher of the Year.

She and her husband, Terry Carr, live with their two sons, Xan and Ben, in Madison where they are members of the First Baptist Church of Madison.
SUZANNE CHASE IRBY

Suzanne Chase Irby of Scooba took her elementary and high school studies by correspondence. Irby is a sophomore at EMCC where she is majoring in mathematics with a minor in art. In both her freshman and sophomore years she established a 4.0 average. She is currently president of Phi Theta Kappa scholastic honorary society, a member of the Collegian and annual staff. She is a recipient of the Stennis Little Scholarship.

Irby’s hobbies include water skiing, softball, photography and dancing. She enjoys a number of outdoor activities including training and exhibiting her horses. She is a member of Scooba United Methodist Church where she is active in church and youth activities.

Future plans include teaching mathematics and eventually acquiring a degree in architecture. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Irby of Scooba and is the youngest of nine children.

RACHEL GOSS EZELLE

Rachel Goss Ezelle of Noxapater earned her A.A. degree from East Central Community College and her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Mississippi State University. She started her teaching career in the area of business in the Mississippi public schools in 1969. In 1972 she began teaching accounting and related academic business classes at East Mississippi Community College. She has also taught upper level accounting courses at the Meridian Branch of Mississippi State University.

In addition to her teaching duties, Ezelle serves as sponsor of Phi Beta Lambda; advisor for academic accounting and business majors; member of Library Committee; Recruiting Committee; Beauty and Beau Production Committee; and Faculty Welfare Committee.

Ezelle has served in a number of capacities as an educator, among these being the 1989-90 president for the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and being an active member and president of the local faculty association. She has been selected as an Outstanding Educator.

As an active leader in community affairs, she has held positions in the Lewis Avenue Church of God in Philadelphia and membership in the Noxapater Booster Club. She was included in Outstanding Young Women of America.

She is married to Billy Earl Ezelle, and they have two daughters, Elaina and Jennifer.
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KARLA DEANN MUNN

Karla Deann Munn, a sophomore from Decatur majoring in elementary education, has been a leader both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities during her two years at East Central Community College. She became a member of Phi Theta Kappa at the end of her first semester in college and was the recipient of the Kappa Kappa Iota Education Society's Scholarship Award at the end of her freshman year at East Central.

An avid twirler for eight years, Munn served as feature twirler for the East Central marching band both her freshman and sophomore years. Her concern over environmental issues led her to become a charter member of the environmental club LIFE. At the beginning of her second year at East Central, she was elected as sophomore class treasurer without opposition. Munn was also chosen for membership in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, an honor awarded to the top three percent of the student body. She is also a member of the Student Education Association and is a Dean's List and President's List Scholar.

Munn plans to further her education at the University of Southern Mississippi and then take her place as a teacher in one of the elementary schools in Mississippi. Her musical talent and her intelligence, coupled with her undaunted enthusiasm, will bring good things to the school where she teaches. A member of Oakland Baptist Church, she is the daughter of Derwood and Sherry Munn.

RICHARD C. ETHRIDGE

Richard C. Ethridge of Decatur attended Clarke Memorial College and earned the B.A. degree from Mississippi College. He did graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Mississippi State University. His training is in history, political science, languages, and Bible.

Ethridge has been at East Central Community College for thirty years where he teaches honors and basic courses and chairs the Social Science, Business Administration, and Education Division. He was elected Outstanding Teacher by vote of the student body at ECC in 1964 and chosen Outstanding Academic Instructor in 1988 by the Alumni Association.

He also has taught graduate level courses for the University of Southern Mississippi (Meridian Branch) and Mississippi State University (Meridian Branch). Scholarly works to which he has contributed have been published by Mississippi College and University Press and LSU Press. He also has published articles in journals, magazines and newspapers.

Ethridge is a member of Eta Sigma Phi (classical language), Phi Gamma Mu (social science), Phi Alpha Theta (history), and Phi Kappa Phi (scholarship). Active in the Mississippi Historical Society, he serves on its board of directors. He has been listed in Outstanding Young Men of America, Outstanding Educators of America, Personalities of the South, and Who's Who is the South and Southwest.

Married to Virginia Marble Ethridge, he has three daughters and five grandchildren.
RICHARD S. MYERS, JR.

Richard S. Myers, Jr., of Cleveland is a senior at Delta State University. He is a chemistry major with a minor in political science. While at DSU, he has been active in student government, serving as treasurer, chief justice, and currently as SGA president. He has been active in his fraternity, holding several offices in his local Kappa Alpha Chapter and presently holds the top statewide position as Mississippi undergraduate chairman. Myers was chosen as one of two students to represent Mississippi at the National Student Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. He was also chosen to participate in the summer freshman orientation program at Delta State University as a student coordinator.

He is a member of the Delta Diplomats, who serve as hosts for the University to off-campus groups. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary leadership society and currently serves as chairman of its membership committee. He is a Faculty Scholar and is on the President’s and Dean’s lists of scholars. Myers plans to continue his studies in law school after graduation in May, 1991. His goal is to pursue a career in the legal profession related to science, engineering, or technical affairs.

DEBRYNDA BREWER DAVEY

Debrynda Brewer Davey of Cleveland, a registered nurse since 1975, received associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing from Mississippi University for Women in 1975 and 1977; a master of science degree in adult health nursing from the University of Tennessee, Memphis in 1979; and a doctorate of education in curriculum and supervision from Delta State University in 1985. She is professor of nursing at Delta State University where she serves on the graduate and undergraduate faculty. Davey’s previous work experience includes a part-time graduate faculty appointment at the University of Southern Mississippi, service as assistant professor of nursing at Mississippi University for Women, and experience as charge nurse in the following areas: Coronary Intensive Care, Surgical/Medical Intensive Care, Coronary Care Stepdown, Emergency Room, and Neurological Intensive Care.

She received the S.E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher Award for 1987-88 at Delta State University and served on the Mississippi Board of Nursing representing nurse educators from 1984-1989. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau; Oncology Nursing Society; American Nurses’ Association; and Delta State University, University of Tennessee, and Mississippi University for Women alumni associations. She serves on the board of directors for the Bolivar County American Cancer Society and for Mississippi-Guyana Partners Across America.

She has conducted research in the areas of oncology nursing and computer-assisted instruction and has published several chapters in books, standardized test questions, and is currently working on a nursing textbook. She has also served as consultant for several publishing companies and Mississippi health care companies.

Davey was born in Osceola, Arkansas. She is married to Paul A. Davey, and they have four children, Nathan, Jonathan, Kristen, and Alex.
KATHY ODOM

Kathy Odom of Jayess has a 4.0 grade point average at Co-Lin and is working toward a degree in music education with a piano emphasis. Besides playing the piano, Odom also plays the cello and teaches private piano lessons.

Odom is an active student and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa scholastic fraternity. As a PTK member, Odom has won regional recognition placing first at convention for her skit script, “Civilization at Risk: Challenge of the ’90’s."

She also serves as president of the Microcosm staff which produces the college’s literary magazine and is a member of the English Club and the choir.

She attended Terre Haute South Vigo High School in Terre Haute, Indiana. Odom plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and hopes to one day write musical arrangements while continuing her piano teaching.

She is married to Calvin Odom, and they have three daughters, Kimberly, 12; Sheila, 9; and Jessica, 3.

EDNA EARLE CREWS

Edna Earle Crews of Crystal Springs is an English instructor in Co-Lin’s Humanities Division and has been employed at the college since 1966. Before coming to Co-Lin, Crews taught in the Jackson Public Schools from 1959 to 1966.

She serves as advisor of the college literary magazine, Microcosm, and was campus coordinator for the University of Mississippi Writing-to-Learn for Faculty Development program from 1988 to 1989. She was also teacher associate for the Continuing Education Program in Composition for Mississippi Teachers from 1987 to 1988 and was editor of Co-Lin’s Self Study from 1982 to 1984. In 1986, Co-Lin’s Trillium yearbook was dedicated to her for outstanding contributions to education at the institution.

Crews is presently a representative to the Southeastern Conference of Teachers of English in the Two-Year College and was president of the Mississippi Junior College Creative Writing Association during the 1989-90 school year. She served as editor of The Junior College Writer in 1983 and 1984 and is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English and the Copiah Writer’s Group. Crews has also presented faculty development workshops on writing in area high schools.
VENESIA DREON GRIFFIN

Venessia Dreon Griffin of Clarksdale graduated with honors from Clarksdale High School in 1989. She has participated in many organizations and activities. Griffin was elected vice-president and president of the Student Government Association, co-chaired the school's annual blood drive, and took a role in the senior play, 42nd Street. She was elected to the school's Hall of Fame and to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Presently she is a sophomore majoring in English. She is active in the SGA and is Miss CCC for the 1990-91 year. Griffin is also president of the local BSU, Miss Mississippi BSU 1990, and a member of the English Club, Education Club, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

She is a member of the Silent Grove Baptist Church where she serves as secretary of the Sunday School and assistant choir director. She is the daughter of Joseph and Vera S. Griffin and has one brother, Joseph Griffin.

VERA S. GRIFFIN

Vera S. Griffin of Clarksdale graduated with honors from Higgins High School in 1964, Coahoma Community (Junior) College in 1966, and Jackson State University in 1968. At Jackson State University, she graduated magna cum laude and was selected to Who's Who Among American College Students. In 1975, she received a master's degree in English from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Griffin is a member of the Carnegie Board of Trustees. Since 1972, she has been employed as an English instructor at Coahoma Community College.

Griffin has participated in many school and community activities including serving as Girl Scout leader, co-chairman of local pageants, participant in seminars, Sunday School teacher, chairman of Christmas program, co-chairman of distribution of Christmas baskets and sponsor of Creative Writers Guild at college.

She is a member of Silent Grove Baptist Church where she is active in many of the church's programs.
ALLEN GAINER
Allen Gainer of Demopolis, Alabama, attended Demopolis Academy where he took part in track, baseball and basketball. He enjoyed math and science and won several trophies at the state level for his science projects. He received the "I Dare You" award and was voted the Most Outstanding Senior by the Demopolis Academy faculty. Gainer has worked on the staff of the Christian Life Center of Fair Haven Baptist Church for the past three years.

He now attends Clarke College where he is a member of the Clarke Panthers' basketball team and vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. He plans to be a math teacher and coach.

Gainer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gainer.

CAROLYN SUE FORD
Carolyn Sue Ford of Newton received her B.A. degree and her M.A.T. degree from Mississippi State University. She has additional graduate hours from Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi, Northeast Louisiana University and Mississippi College.

Ford came to Clarke College in 1978. She teaches math and computer science and serves as an advisor to students majoring in math or engineering. She also advises some of the undecided majors.

Before coming to Clarke she taught at Newton High School, Magnolia Junior High in Meridian, More High School in Oktibbeha County, and Copperas Cove High School in Texas. She was also employed as a civilian by the United States Air Force as a computer programmer.

Ford is a member of the Mathematical Association of America and past chairman of Mississippi Teachers of College Mathematics. She has been a presenter at the convention of Mississippi Educational Computing Association.

She is an active member of Newton United Methodist Church where she has served as treasurer, Sunday School secretary, Sunday School teacher, chairman of her circle, and choir president. She has also been a Girl Scout leader for many years and a Cub Scout den mother. She and her husband Daryl are the parents of three children, two daughters and a son.
JANICE LEE BROWNLEE

Janice Brownlee of Myrtle is a senior at Blue Mountain College majoring in psychology and social science. She has been on the honor roll each of her four years at the college and holds a 3.9 grade point average. Brownlee was named most intellectual student by the faculty during the 1990-91 academic session.

During her college career, she has served as freshman representative on the Student Government Association Council, vice president of Sigma Sigma Gamma (social science fraternity), secretary to the BMC Chorale, and president of her junior class. She has also shared with others through the Baptist Student Union Drama Team. She was chosen Most Dependable student by her peers and was also selected for listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Her academic achievements and participation in extracurricular activities have merited scholarship awards from the Mississippi Seniors Golf Association (Malott Scholarship), Union County Farm Bureau, and Create, Inc. (Northeast Mississippi Community Foundation), as well as the David E. Guyton Social Science Award.

SARAH SIMS WASHBURN

Sarah S. Washburn of Blue Mountain is associate professor of history and social science and acting chair of the Division of Social Science at Blue Mountain College. Since joining the faculty in 1965, she has contributed immeasurably to the academic program of the institution. She has worked diligently to provide the guidance, academic preparation and inspiration which have stimulated her students and contributed to their successful development in the college environment. In 1977, she was named Most Outstanding Faculty Member at the college.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Washburn has chaired numerous faculty committees and has served as an advisor for classes and student organizations. Professional memberships include Northeast Mississippi, State, and Southern Historical Associations. Her interests and influence have been extended through civic involvement as a member of the State Mental Health Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of Timber Hills Mental Health District, the Tippah County Development Foundation, the Mississippi Economic Council, and as education chairman of the Mississippi Federated Women's Clubs. She is currently serving her second term on the Board of Alderman for the Town of Blue Mountain.

A native of Kosciusko, Washburn graduated from Blue Mountain College and earned the master of arts and master of social science degrees from the University of Mississippi.
JAMES BADER ALDRIDGE

James Bader Aldridge, a senior psychology major at Belhaven College, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Aldridge of Clarksdale. Aldridge graduated from Clarksdale High School in 1987 as salutatorian. While in high school, he received numerous awards and was active in the National Honors Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He has served as a resident advisor at Belhaven College for the past three years and he is also active in Reformed University Ministry. He received the Pauline Elliott Scholarship award in English and is president of the Philosophy Club. Aldridge has been enrolled in the honors program at Belhaven College for the past four years and has made the President's List every semester.
GLENDA DANETTE DAY

Glenda Day of Fayette is a senior baccalaureate nursing student at Alcorn State University. She is the daughter of Charles Day and the late Mamie Dar, and the granddaughter of Rebecca Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. James Day. She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1987 as valedictorian. An active member of the Baptist church, she serves as secretary of the Sunday School.

At Alcorn, Day is a National Dean’s List Scholar, a Presidential Scholar, a nominee to Who’s Who, and the recipient of a United States Achievement Academy National Collegiate award. In the Division of Nursing, she is class secretary and a member of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN).

Upon graduation in 1991, Day will write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

FRANCES C. HENDERSON

Frances C. Henderson, R.N., Ed.D., of Natchez is a professor, director of the Division of Nursing and director of two externally-funded projects at Alcorn State University. She has been employed at ASU since January, 1986.

Henderson was born in Pensacola, Florida. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. She received a master of science degree in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center and a doctorate degree in higher education from Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Henderson is active in professional and community organizations. She is a member of the community advisory boards for Britton & Koontz Bank, Humana Hospital, Natchez-Adams Council on Aging, Natchez-Adams Chamber of Commerce and the Natchez Area Literacy Council. She is a member of the National League for Nursing, American Nurses’ Association (ANA), MS Council of Deans & Directors of Schools of Nursing, Southern Collegiate Council on Nursing Education and Sigma Theta Tau. She is vice-president of the MS Nurses’ Association, District One. Henderson was recently appointed to the Governor’s Task Force on Infant Mortality. She is a postdoctoral fellow in the American Nurses’ Association minority fellowship program which focuses on leadership development. She is the co-author of a book entitled Managing Your Career in Nursing (1986), Addison Wesley Publishers. Henderson has also authored several articles. Writing is her hobby.