



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

We are springing into the last quarter soon. Our third nine weeks tests will be given March 12-13. We want to say how proud we are that Madeline Lee has been selected as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Madeline is a 3rd year Information Technology Student at the JCTC. I also want to recognize the St. Martin High School Robotics Program who will compete at the Worlds in April in Louisville, KY. We also have district HOSA and SkillsUSA winners that will be recognized in this edition. Also in April, we will take our state tests and national certifications. Our teachers and students have worked very hard, and we know we will see great results.

Dr. J.J. Morgan

Madeline Lee- National Merit Finalist

We would like to congratulate Madeline Lee, SMHS Senior, on her placement as National Merit Finalist. Out of 1.6 million students who took the PSAT in 2017, she was one of 0.01% of students selected to be a National Merit Finalist. Madeline has accomplished many feats in her high school career, such as being a four-year member of the Mississippi Lions All State Band, making a 33 on the ACT, and earning approximately \$1,200,000 in scholarships. She plans to attend Mississippi State University after high school pursuing a double major in music and communications.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

February

- Instrumentation and Controls- Alex Hoang
- Automotive- Zach Webb
- Welding- Kedyll Turner
- Medical- Jordan Turner
- Teacher Academy- MaKaelyn Thrash
- Construction- Garrett Wilson
- IT- Dylan Greer

March

- Instrumentation and Controls- Jaccob Watts
- Automotive- Cohlbe Goss
- Welding- Brandon Wetzel
- Medical- Anastasia Ashley
- Teacher Academy- Alyssa Boman
- Construction- Shania Lizana
- IT- Joshua Stokes

ASE: Promoting Excellence in Auto Repair and Service

During the first semester at JCTC, our automotive students took a challenging test to get an ASE certification. Of those who tested, 84% passed the exam! Students will be given another opportunity for further testing in April. Great job!!



Carly Jones - Youth Leader

Carly Jones, an IT student from East Central, attended the Youth Leadership Program summit in Jackson, Mississippi. She was chosen to represent Singing River Electric along with four other students; these participants were judged on attentiveness and interview skills. While at the state leadership conference, Carly took part in leadership training and was notified she advanced to become a finalist for the Mississippi Youth Leadership Council. Carly said, "We will go to Washington in June for one week, and I can't wait. I have learned so much from this program, and I have met so many friends." We are so proud of this future leader and wish her the best of luck in Washington DC!



Spotlight Program

JCTC would like to recognize our Construction class as the spotlight program of the month! Mr. Richard Keleher, our Construction instructor, says the Construction class teaches skills such as how to read a tape measure and blueprints, as well as how to work with various tools of the trade and their hands. “Students also take an OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) 10-hour safety course. Upon completion, the students receive their 10 hour OSHA card that will help them in the future.” Mr. Keleher received the teacher of the year award in 2010, and the JCTC Construction students were top in the state for C-Pas scoring. The program was also a part of the MCEF ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors) Career & Technical Center of Excellence award for 2018. Mr. Keleher says a unique aspect of his program is the hands-on learning that the students receive each day.



“Construction is a great place to be,” Mr. Keleher told us. “You can learn a lot of things that will help you in life itself, and the students in construction are some of the best students in our school district.” These students are hardworking, dedicated, and represent the brightest of the next generation of skilled workers. We are so proud of the JCTC Construction students and wish them good luck on their state tests this month!

SMHS STEAM TEAM

Congratulations to the Jackets STEAM Team 5735Z, consisting of Engineering I and II students, Scott Beebe, Ayden Bell, Susie Garwood, Bryant Perkins, and Owen Smith, who recently competed in the 2019 VEX Robotics Mississippi Championship at the Payne Center at USM Hattiesburg. They had a great day, and, in the end, their team earned its way to the VEX Worlds Robotics Championship with their robot programming and driving skills. Team 5735Z is one of 5 teams from the state of Mississippi to be invited to this international competition. Worlds will be held in Louisville, Kentucky April 24-27. We are looking forward to another great Championship. Go Jackets STEAM Team!



Owen Smith, Bryant Perkins, Scott Beebe, Mikey Duncan, John Haley III, and Julian Hood.

DECA, HOSA, and Skills USA Results

Congratulations to all the participants who represented JCTC at the DECA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA competitions! We are so proud of their hard work and wish our winners luck as they progress to the state and national competitions!

Skills USA

Will Parker (VHS) - 1st Place, Automotive Service Technology. **Parker Lyons** (VHS) - 3rd Place, Extemporaneous Speaking. **Easton Whitehead** (SMHS) - 2nd Place, Extemporaneous Speaking. **Lilian Weaver** (VHS) - 2nd Place, Electrical Construction Wiring. **Sarrah Garrow** (SMHS) - 3rd Place, Job Interview. **Chasity Horton** (VHS) - 2nd Place, Job Interview. **Cameron Bissett** (SMHS) - 1st Place, Job Interview. **Cooper Dugger** (ECHS) - 1st Place, Job Skill Demonstration A. **Megan Hunt** (VHS) - 2nd Place, Job Skill Demonstration Open. **Avery Higginbotham** (VHS) - 3rd Place, Related Technical Math. **Paige Whisenant** (VHS) - 2nd Place, Related Technical Math. **Katelyn Posey** (VHS) - 3rd Place, Prepared Speech. **Makaelyn Thrash** (VHS) - 2nd Place, Prepared Speech.

DECA- District

Stori Endt (VHS) - 1st place, Apparel and Accessories. **Chris Fairley** (VHS) - 3rd place, Automotive Services. **Austin Mills** (VHS) - 2nd place, Automotive Services. **Caleb Oakes** (VHS) - 2nd place, Business Finance. **Alex Kirk** (VHS) - 2nd place, Business Services. **Mallory Hays** (VHS) - 4th place, Hotel and Lodging Management. **Megan Wallace** (VHS) - 1st place, Personal Finance Literacy. **Maci Gay** (VHS) - 2nd place, Personal Finance Literacy. **Grant West** (VHS) - 4th place, Retail Merchandising. **Shelby Loreman** (VHS) - 1st Place, Retail Merchandising. **Hudson Massey** (VHS) - 2nd place, Sports and Entertainment. **Sophie Endt** (VHS) - 4th place, Sports and Entertainment. **Anna Grace Greer and Rilee Scarbrough** (VHS) - 3rd place, Business Law and Ethics Team. **Christian Kell and Tristin Vickers** (VHS) - 3rd place, Financial Services Team. **Kaitlyn Clark and Emily Moen** (VHS) - 3rd place, Hospitality Services Team. **Dreanna Mohr and Madison Lipsey** (VHS) - 4th place, Hospitality Services Team. **Sydney Bond and Jena Pacheco** (VHS) - 3rd place, Marketing Management. **Spencer Lutgring and Kris Hood** (SMHS) - 1st place, Sports and Entertainment Team. **Matthew Shows and Trey Pickich** (VHS) - 5th place, Sports and Entertainment Team. **Abigail Grimes and Maddie Windham** (VHS) - 3rd place, Travel and Tourism Team. **Hallie Steelman and Avery Johnston** (VHS) - 5th place, Travel and Tourism Team. **Gracie Hammonds and Sarah Lock** (VHS) - 5th place, Buying and Merchandising Team. **Addy Dowdy and Mikiya Tutor** (VHS) - 4th place, Buying and Merchandising Team.

DECA- State (* - attending ICDC Nationals in Orlando)

***Spencer Lutgring** (SMHS) - 1st place, Business Growth Plan.

***Kris Hood** (SMHS) - 1st place Business, Growth Plan. ***Megan Wallace** (VHS) - 2nd place, Personal Finance. ***Hudson Massey** (VHS) - 2nd place, Sports and Entertainment. ***Jordan Beeker, Carly Danley, and Stori Endt** (VHS) - 2nd place, Franchise Business Plan. ***Stori Endt** (VHS) - 3rd place, Apparel and Accessories. ***Caleb Oakes** (VHS) - 3rd place, Business Finance Series. **Hudson Massey and Shelby Loreman** (VHS) - 3rd place, Independent Business Plan. **Megan Wallace and Hanna Chapman** (VHS) - 4th place, Start Up Business Plan. **Spencer Lutgring and Kris Hood** (SMHS) - 4th place, Sports and Entertainment Team. **Austin Mills** (VHS) - 5th place, Automotive Services Marketing. **Lauren Clark and Abigail Ely** (VHS) - 5th place, Buying and Merchandising Team. **Chris Fairley** (VHS) - 6th place, Automotive Services Marketing. **Alex Kirk** (VHS) - 6th place, Business Services Marketing. **Christian Kell and**



Tristin Vickers (VHS) - 6th place, Financial Services Team. **Sydney Bond and Jena Pacheco** (VHS) - 6th place, Marketing Management Team.

HOSA

Ray Goodwin (ECHS) - 1st place, Medical Math. **Megan Moseley** (ECHS) - 5th place, Health Poster. **Haley Stevison** (ECHS) - top 8, Medical Terminology (over 100 students participated in this test). **Lauren Brown** (ECHS) - top 8, Health Photography. **Griffin Shields** (SMHS) - 1st place, Sports Medicine. **Tina Nguyen** (SMHS) - 1st place, Veterinary Science. **Gabbie LaMartiniere** (SMHS) - 2nd place, Human Growth and Development. **Vivian Khuu** (SMHS) - State Eligible, Pathophysiology. **Khadeejah Franklin** (Vancleave/JCTC) - 3rd place, Physical Therapy. **Katlyn Pardue** (Vancleave/JCTC) - 4th place, Health Career Photography. **Austin Frisbie and Mackenzie Pratt** (Vancleave/JCTC) - 5th place, Forensic Science. **Anastasia Ashley and team** (Vancleave/JCTC) - State Eligible, Forensic Science. **Katelynn Peterson and Jaci Arcularius** (Vancleave/JCTC) - 4th place CPR/First Aid results.



Kelsey Mazeres, Mackenzie Pratt, Austin Frisbie, Katelynn Peterson, Anastasia Ashley, Katlyn Pardue, Khadeejah Franklin, Jayci Arcularius, Hanna Mayfield