



From the Desk of the Director

We are off to a great start, and it is hard to believe that we already have 9 weeks in the books! It is wonderful to finally feel fall in the air! I want to congratulate Mrs. Connie Goff, JCTC Counselor, for being selected *Hard Hat Counselor of the Year* by the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation. We all love Mrs. Goff and are so proud of her receiving this prestigious honor. We are continuing to administer ACT WorkKeys to all of our 2nd year CTE Students. This exam is recognized all over the country for work ready communities. Our Information Technology Students have already obtained 110 National Certifications in the Microsoft Academy Program. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the JCTC.

JCTC is the place to be!

Dr. J.J. Morgan



Students of the Month

Automotive- Zak Webb

Construction- Colby Neely

Information Technology- Sean McClellan

Instrumentation & Controls- Mary Irwin

Health Sciences- Alicia LaRussa

Teacher Academy- Desirae Barnes

Welding- Nicholas Mejia

Counselor of the year

Connie Goff received the President’s Hard Hat 2019 Outstanding Counselor for Mississippi Construction Education Foundation. Mississippi Construction Education Foundation is a non-profit educational foundation that provides NCCER craft training and credentialing in more than 100 career and technical programs across the state. The foundation’s mission is to train individuals for the construction and manufacturing industries in Mississippi.

“After being notified that I had won the award, I was shocked and humbled,” Mrs. Goff said.

This award was by nomination. Ms. Sherri Blount who is the south area director for MCEF nominated Mrs. Goff. Sherri Blount works with the Jackson County Technology Center Welding, Construction, and Instrumentation and Controls programs.

“My career goal is to help with the needs of our students. I hope in some small way to make a difference in their lives while they are with us,” Mrs. Goff added

Mrs. Goff has 30 years of experience in education. This is her 12th year in Career and Technical Education at the Jackson County Technology Center.

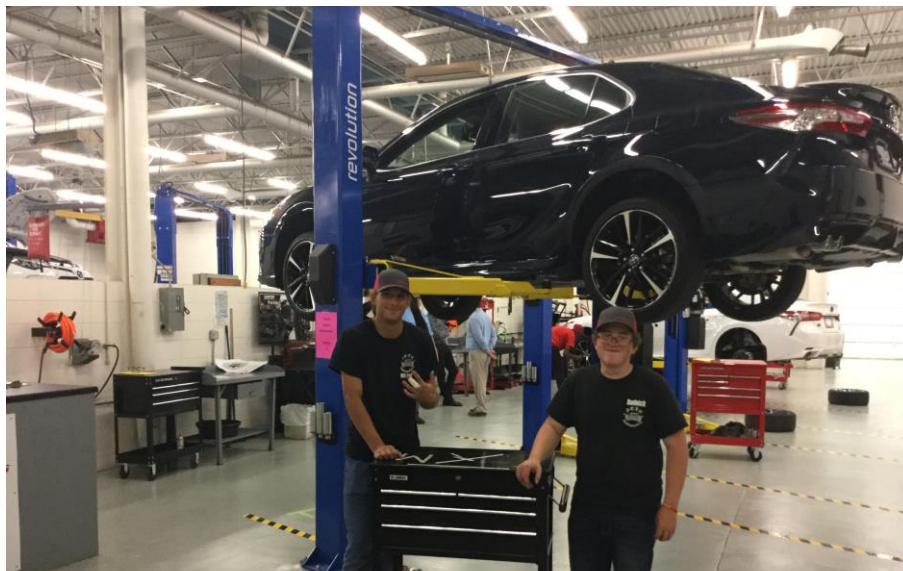
She serves students from three high schools in the Jackson County School District: East Central High School, St. Martin High School, and Vanleave High School.

She received her Bachelor’s and her Master’s Degrees from University of Southern Mississippi. After working several years, she completed her National Boards. She is a National Certified Counselor- NCC and National Certified School Counselor-NCSC. Mrs. Goff is a member of MCA-Mississippi Counseling Association and ACTE-Association for Career and Technical Education.



Toyota Express Maintenance Competition

The Toyota Express maintenance contest consists of 10 two-man teams. These teams qualified by taking a written exam, their scores then averaged together. The top ten scores in the state advanced to state final. Hunter Budnick's and Kyle Mitchell's scores averaged to rank 6th in the state. At state finals, the team is scored on their ability to perform a 60 point inspection on a 2019 Toyota Camry that had been previously bugged- rotate tire, change oil and filter, cabin air filter, engine air filter- and all performed to Toyota's standards and procedures. Hunter and Kyle placed 2nd in the state and were one point away from the 1st place team. The 1st place team qualified for an all-expense paid trip to New York to the national finals. When asked about the competition, Kyle Mitchell said, "I really had fun. I learned more about competitions in general and how to pay close attention to detail. I was excited about placing second."



Spotlight Program: Marketing

The spotlight program of the month is Marketing. Mrs. Bethany Kell has been teaching the program for six years. When asked about the program, this is what she had to say.

What skills do your kids learn in the Marketing program?

Business Fundamentals and Marketing is a two year training program for grades 10-12. Students receive two credits per year. Business Fundamentals provides instruction in basic business skills and knowledge that include communication, economics, personal finance, business management and business law. Marketing provides instruction in marketing skills that include pricing, promotion, selling, distribution, marketing planning and product service management. Students completing the Marketing program will satisfy the Economics requirement for graduation.

What kind of competitions do your students participate in each year?

Marketing students are eligible to be DECA members. DECA is a marketing club for high school students. DECA competes at the district, state and national level every year. DECA members also have the opportunity to attend the New York DECA experience as well. Membership in DECA gives students opportunities to travel to career development and leadership conferences to Orlando, Nashville, Anaheim and Atlanta.

What awards or honors have you and your class received?

DECA has had numerous first place winners in the past years and hopes to continue to do so.

